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Third Cabinet resignation in less than six months

New blow for Thatcher as Walker quits

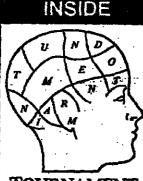
By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Peter Walker yes-terday added to the Goverament's tribulations by disclosing that he would leave the Cabinet shortly and would not be a candidate at the next election.

The announcement stunned ministerial colleagues and Conservative MPs, already bruised from not defuse all the potentially the fearful battering they are taking over community charge levels and an inflation rate heading for 9 per cent next month.

Coming on the day that the latest opinion polls showed the Labour Party romping away from the Tories and poised to snatch its most sensational by-election victory for more than half a century, news of the impending resignation of the Secretary of State for Wales could not have been timed worse for Mrs Thatcher.

Inevitably, it was seized upon by opposition MPs as further evidence of disarray in Tory ranks, and it will fuel speculation among Conservative MPs opposed to her leadership of a renewed and



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Played over 20 rounds, the Tournament offers the chance to win 25,000 and a computer. To help prepare you, we asked Mensa and last year's winner for some

hints (see page 11) But first, try this sample: which famous German politician was nicknamed the "Iron

Chancellor"? The answer, for those who need it, is on page 22

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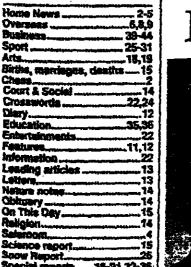
winners of Saturday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 39

Power post Sir John Egan is expected to leave Jaguar to become chairman of National Power, the biggest of the electricity gentrating companies to

Lost chance

Aston Villa lost their chance to go back to the top of the first division when they were beaten 2-0 by Coventry. Liverpool remain at the head

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marked upsurge in the party's

Ministers and Conservative MPs conceded that, with campaigning in the Mid-Staffords in earnest today, Mr Walker's denial of any rift with the Prime Minister could

Walker profile. Reaction, tributes Leading article...

damaging consequences of the third Cabinet resignation in less than six months.

The Prime Minister is likely to share her colleagues' view that the announcement of Mr that the announcement or was Walker's departure could have been usefully delayed until at least the by-election and the possibility of this (resignation), there a few months later Budget were out of the way — as was apparently originally intended — and she had a successor in place for the longestsurviving Cabinet "wet" and a veteran of her first administration, in 1979.

Nevertheless, she received Mr Walker's news with "great regret" and publicly paid tribme to him after, as he put it, his hand was forced by a Sunday newspaper which leaked his intentions in a

Mr Walker, aged 57, will stay on — as a "lame duck" Secretary of State, according

her choice of a replacement. Mr Walker said in a statement: "Last September I told the Prime Minister that my intention was not to contest the next general election.

"I explained that in the 1990s I would like to have more time with my large but still young family ... I would like to make a contribution to British commerce in a decade when Europe will become the major influence in the world

Mr Walker added: "Having made this decision I agreed with the Prime Minister that I would leave the Cabinet at a time convenient to us both.

"I think it is right to confirm Worcester Conservatives, who have supported me so marvellously throughout my lifetime in the House of Com-The next Secretary of State thony Meyer.'

more serious challenge in the for Wales is likely to come autumn unless there is a from one of several ministers of state close to achieving Cabinet rank. They include Mr David Hunt, Mr John Patten, Mr William Waldegrave, Mr Michael Portillo and Mr David Mellor.

It is understood that an announcement about a handover was due to come at the end of this month.

However, when The Sun-day Telegraph reported ru-mours of his impending resignation, Mr Walker first issued a less-than-full denial, then rang the Prime Minister to agree a response.

Yesterday, he told The Times that once the phone started ringing, "there was no way I could sit there lying".

duly announce it." He is now expected to take

up a senior post in the City. Mr Walker's explanation is unlikely to satisfy all of the Prime Minister's supporters, who will wonder why such a practised political operator as Mr Walker felt he had to spill the beans after one somewhat tentative story.

However, as he pointed out to *The Times*, had he really wanted to embarrass the Government he would have left no one in any doubt of his intentions. Most of his ministerial colleagues are likely to accept this argument.

Mr Walker's forthcoming departure from the Cabinet follows Sir Norman Fowler's harmonious resignation in January and Mr Nigel Lawson's tempestuous departure last October.

Attention will focus on how such a sensitive piece of information -- known to only a handful of people - came to

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Leader of the House, supported Mr Walker's handling of the affair, but admitted it was politically unhelpful.

Meanwhile, Mrs Thatcher's own position continued to be called into question as anger over poli tax levels averaging this publicly now so that the £100 above target continued

An MP on the left of the party said: "There must be at least 100 Tory MPs who mons, have good time to bitterly regret they didn't ab-adopt a candidate to take my place in the next Parliament." was challenged by Sir An-

Tories unite to demand poll tax relief package

By Nicholas Wood and Sheila Gunn

Conservative Party combined time, Sir Rhodes Boyson, the vesterday to demand a fundamental rethink of the structure and financing of local government in the wake of the of backbench Conservative public outcry over poli tax

Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for the Environment and an outspoken opponent of what he dubbed "the Tory tax", said that throwing money at the problem of bigger-than-expected community charge bills was no answer Local authorities would spend the money and continue to blame the

The left and right of the Government. At the same former environment minister and a leading right wing member of the 1922 executive

Poll tax debate...

MPs, demanded an emergency package to halt the protests from angry Tory MPs, councillors and supporters.

In remarks underlining the gravity of the threat to the Government's standing, Mr Patrick Cormack, a senior | Tiny Rowland, owner of

Family man: Mr Walker with his daughter Mariauma, aged four, at his Worcestershire home yesterday.

SPORT ON MONDAY

● Today The Times introduces changes that reflect the excitement and growing importance of the weekend's sport in Monday morning's newspaper.

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the second section of The Times with comprehensive coverage of Saturday's national and international events, plus full reports and pictures of the rapidly developing Sunday sports programme. Each week Sport on Monday will have its own front page leading an extended and unrivalled service of commentary

■ Today we have David Gower's exclusive view of England's lastball defeat in the West Indies oneday game, and news that Malcolm Marshall may miss the second Test Match for the West Indies (page 27); plus details of the England rugby team to face Scotland in the grand slam decider on March 17 (page 25)

and results from the weekend.

BUSINESS

 Each Monday The Times business and finance coverage will appear at the back of the second section of the paper providing the authority, the analysis and the news that has made it compelling reading for City followers. Today the

Business section main story (see page 44) reveals that Sir John Egan, chairman of Jaguar, is favourite to become chairman of National Power, the biggest of the two electricity generation companies to be privatized

PREVIEW

• The Times Information Service, now renamed Preview, offers a wider-ranging service for readers. From Monday to Friday the page will carry details of a particular area of the arts and performing arts, allowing us to give more

information, a critical assessment of each item and much more coverage to events outside London. Preview today, on Art & Auctions, is on page 22

Soviet party bosses facing polls rebuff

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

As early predictions suggested an upset for Communist Party officials in yesterday's Soviet elections, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the party's General Secretary, acknowledged the shift of power from the party to the state by confirming that he would run for the new post of Executive President.

Mr Gorbachov, accompanied by his wife Raisa, and one of their grandchildren, was speaking to foreign reporters after voting in his Moscow

nominate himself for the new post, "but if I am put forward I for the people to decide. will not avoid it ... In my opinion, it would not be understood by our people if I used the current situation and decided to withdraw," he said.

Speaking to Soviet reporters earlier, Mr Gorbachov called for a "renewed Communist Party", but ruled out an early split in the party, unless it was precipitated by "ambitious individuals". He said that for him the Communist Party was Belorussia, as well as the

would not distress him. It was More than two thirds of the

Soviet Union's adult popula Ballot box battle.

tion were entitled to vote yesterday, as balloting took place for local and district councils and the parliamentary Supreme Soviets in the republics of the Ukraine and

constituency in yesterday's "a sacred cause", but he Russian Federation. Voters in before mid-afternoon. In Russian Federation elections. insisted that any election de- the Baltic republic of Lithua-He said that he would not feats for senior party officials nia were meanwhile deciding the future of their republic in the second round of elections for the Lithuanian Supreme Soviet. The Popular Front out of the 90 scats decided in

> The turnout in the Russian Federation seemed generally higher than the predicted 60 per cent, with many polling stations in Moscow reporting than more than 70 per cent

the first round and was ex-

pected to increase its majority

significantly.

some places, voters were brought out by the sale of scarce foodstuffs and consumer goods at the polling

The relatively high turnout is believed likely to have helped candidates from one of the policy blocs, the Bloc for a Democratic Russia, which presents itself as the main opposition to the communist establishment. It claims to represent the legacy of Dr Andrei Sakharov and includes among its leading lights Continued on page 24, col 6

The Harrods takeover affair

'Plot' to print DTI report

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Britain were to be supplied secretly with 1,000 copies of arms dealer was promised a offered to say who was behind the Department of Trade and fee of £30,000 to have 1,000 Industry's highly classified report into the Fayed brothers' takeover of Harrods.

The alleged plot, which the Egyptian-born brothers claim is part of an on-going "dirty tricks" campaign aimed at them after their takeover of the Knightsbridge department store in 1985, is being exammed by Scotland Yard who have investigated how a copy of the report was leaked to The

Observer 12 months ago. The report is to be finally published on Wednesday but the new allegations will ensure that the furore over the takeover, involving a bitter clash between the Fayeds and Mr

Police are investigating claims tives have been told that last of the House of Fraser, that the Queen, MPs and other April, shortly after the courts Harrods' parent company, leading opinion formers in banned further publication of said the German had later the report, a West German approached the company and copies of the document

> The Fayed brothers are likely to challenge the status of the DTI Inspectors' report on their purchase of House of Fraser, the Harrods group, by seeking an immediate judicial review Page 44

printed in West Germany and then airfreighted to Bangkok. The reports were to be sent

to prominent addresses in Britain, including Buckingham Palace. Just before the mailings began the operation was aborted on the orders of its paymaster, whose identity is miknown. Yesterday, Mr Michael

Continued on page 24, col 8 | Lonrho, will continue. Detec- Cole, public relations director Office at Scotland Yard.

the plot. It was said to have involved an American lawyer based in London.

"We are calling on Scotland Yard to redouble its efforts to identify and charge the pay-master behind this criminal conspiracy," Mr Cole said. Mr Rowland has always

maintained that the copy of the report used by The Observer, which is owned by Lonrho, was delivered to Lonrho's reception desk anonymously. He has no idea where it came from.

Some 15 copies of the report were officially produced. Police believe the copy used in the alleged West German operation may have been stolen from the Fraud Squad

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Learning to drink sensibly at the teenage bar By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent drinks, mimed specifically at young



Ministers are increasing pressure on brewers to set up chains of "teenage bars" to help teach youngsters how to drink sensibly.

They have asked the Portman Group, a pressure group funded by eight leading breweries, to investigate the viability of bars being created where youngsters aged under 18 can socialize and consume low-alcohol drinks. Ministers believe that alcohol-free

hars have little attraction for youngsters and do not carb under-age drinking and the related problem of teenage hooliganism. They think attractively-designed bars. lling a new range of safer low-alcohol

Such a development will be helped if. as expected, a Private Member's Bill is passed ending the law that the undereighteens cannot buy a drink with an alcohol/volume content of even less

people, might become highly popular.

than 1.2 per cent if it had a stronger content at some stage during its manufacture. This rule means that most lowalcohol products have to be sold in licensed premises. The Bill drawn up by Sir Peter Emery, Conservative MP for Honiton, proposes that anyone should be able to buy drinks with an alcohol/volume content at point

of sale of 0.5 per cent or less. The new limit reflects medical evidence that even low-alcohol beers and wines can be damaging if drunk in large

though, think there would be no health risks in drinks with alcoholic strengths up to 0.5 per cent. Dr John Rae, director of the Portman Group and former headmaster of Westminster School, thinks the idea has great

potential. "This could prove a good way of getting youngsters to learn how to drink sensibly without enormous risk. "On the Continent children seem to pick up the habit from their parents and alcohol is no big deal. Unfortunately, the same thing doesn't happen in Britain

where binge drinking or illegal drinking by youngsters is a real problem." He thought the big brewers should consider establishing several pilot bars. These, however, would need to avoid a "do-gooding image".

NEWS ROUNDUP

House fire kills family of four

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Forensic experts sifted through the remains of a semi-detached house in Kent last night to establish the cause of a fire in which a family of four died (Helen Johnstone writes). Neighbours reported hearing a huge bang before the house in Saltings Road, Snodland, near Rochester, caught fire early yesterday morning. Mr Eric Gillespie, a paper mill worker, his wife, Kerry, and their children Miles, aged two, and Joshua, seven months, were all found dead by firemen.

A neighbour who tried to rescue the family was beaten back by flames. Kent Fire Brigade said the house was well alight by the time it arrived and the fire was intense enough to cause 30 per cent fire damage to the neighbouring home.
The badly burned bodies of Mr and Mrs Gillespie and the

children were found upstairs. Mr Gillespie's mother, Mrs Mo Harris, who owns the house, was staying with friends. She returned last night to identify the bodies.

Insurance fraud move

The Government is setting up an independent unit to clamp down on national insurance fraud by self employed people, which, according to Mr Michael Meacher, shadow social security secretary, is a "scandal of massive proportions" costing the country up to £250m a year (Tim Jones writes). Mr Meacher said yesterday leaked Department of Social Security Secretary Security Security Secretary Security Secretary Security Security Secretary Security documents showed that only 56 per cent of contributions were collected from the self employed. He has written to the chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Commit-tee, Mr Robert Sheldon, to demand an investigation.

RUC prisoner inquiry

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said yesterday it is investigating allegations of ill treatment of a "loyalist" prisoner by officers under the command of Mr John Stevens, Deputy Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, who is investigating allegations of collusion (Edward Gorman writes). In a short statement in response to an Irish newspaper report, the RUC said that a complaint received from a prisoner at Crumlin Road jail, Belfast, was the subject of an investigation.

Energy saving drive

A £400,000 advertising campaign aimed at persuading leading businessmen to play their part in reducing global warming will be launched by the Government today (Nicholas Wood writes). A series of newspaper advertisements will emphasize to industry the environmental and economic benefits of saving energy.

Arctic crossing made

An international expedition with a British navigator completed the first dogsled crossing of Antarctica when team members skiled into the Russian Mirnny base just after midday on Saturday (Ruth Gledhill writes). The sixman team arrived at the polar base on the Queen Mary coast only an hour late despite fears that bad weather would force them to remain camped 13 miles from their destination. where they were stuck two days.

Oxford chess victory

Oxford beat Cambridge 5-3 in the annual match at the Royal Automobile Club, London, on Saturday. The match, the longest annual chess fixture, has been contested since 1873. With this victory, Oxford is within a win of levelling the overall score. David Norwood, representing Oxford on top board, was the first grandmaster to take part in the match. • Gary Kasparov, the world champion, won the category 16 tournament in Linares, Spain. Nigel Short was fifth.

Tight race on the grid

Only three minutes separated the first three contestants yesterday in the Leeds regional final of The Times/Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship (John Grant writes). The winner was Mr David Adams, aged 40, a Sheffield solicitor, who solved the four puzzles in an average of 81/2 minutes each. Mr Philip Jordan, of Wythenshawe, Manchester, was second, and Mr William Pilkington, of Nunthorpe, Cleveland, twice national champion, third.

NUM to question Scargill on foreign aid

By Tim Jones Employment Affairs

Leading members of the National Union of Mineworkers last night were demanding an emergency meeting of the executive committee to question Mr Arthur Scargill, the president on the extent and use of any Soviet or Libyan aid during the 1984-85 strike.

Last night, Mr George Rees, a member of the NUM's finance committee, said he had never seen a thorough breakdown of how the hundreds of thousands of pounds collected to finance the miners during their struggle was spent.

"We cannot wait until the next

soon as possible to have these questions answered", he said.

Yesterday the Sunday Mirror said today's Daily Mirror would claim that some of the money allegedly received from Libya was used for

Mr Scargili said yesterday the NUM had received no money during the strike from the Soviet Union and that if financial help had eminated from Libya "national officials were not aware of it".

Mr Scargill said that when Mr Mikhail Gorbachov met Mrs That-cher in December 1984 he had told her that no money had been sent to

Mr Scargill, who said he had been aware in 1984 of the "whole conversation" said: "That statement was true. The NUM did not receive any money during the period of the strike from the Soviet Union and there is evidence available to prove

Mr Scargill said that during the course of the strike "all monies brought into the national office either by organizations, individual members of the public or members of staff were recorded. All monies received during the course of the strike were used for the purposes of hardship of in accordance with the wishes of the donors".

that conclusively."

However, during the height of the

dispute, in November, 1984, Mr Mick McGabey, the NUM vice president told a rally in Scotland: "I see the Russian connection has now come out. In case you didn't know, I'm the guy. I had discussions with Soviet comrades. I will tell you the figure. It is US\$1,138,000. It is coming from Soviet trade unions".

Later, he said the figure included £500,000 of food and clothing from miners in the Ukraine.

At the same time, Mr Scargill told a rally at Bedworth, Warwickshire: "I asked them (the Russians) for aid which they have given us - half a million quid."

Mr III reced Following complaints from Mr Scargill, fraud detectives in South Yorkshire are investigating a com-plaint against Mr Roger Windsor, the NUM's former chief executive, who was the director of a company set up with NUM funds to supply furniture for the umon's headquarters in Sheffield.

Mr Windsor schieved notoriety after it was disclosed that he had held a secret meeting with Colonel Gadeffi, the Libyan leader. Mr Windsor, who now lives in France, is understood to have made a series of allegations against the NUM During the strike, Mr Scargill leadership involving complex finan-visited the Soviet Embassy in cial transactions during the strike. leadership involving complex finan-

Baker tries to revive morale as by-election battle opens

By Nicholas Wood and Ray Clancy

his party's campaign in the there has been a very positive Mid-Staffordshire by-election. response," he said. The Tory chairman will

over the poll tax.

the Opposition poised to poll tax up to £360, which is translate a 14,650 Tory major- over £100 more than Governity into a victory margin of ment estimates.

MID-STAFFS BY-ELECTION '

1987 General Election: J Heddle (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab)
13,990; T Jones (L/All),
13,114; J Bazeley (Independent C) 836. C Maj: 14,654.

"What they dislike about it is the amounts, which are far greater than Government estimates.

He will be hoping that the will be setting the charge centre parties can affect a higher than it needs to.

"Last year, because it was Tory defectors.

Mr Charles Prior, the Conservative candidate, last Prior said. night expressed surpise at the MORI survey and said he did around the country should not take it to heart.

the Tories 36 per cent, the through rigorous cost-controls SLD 5 per cent and the Greens and efficiency they have set and the SDP 4 per cent each. the lowest community charge "I am amazed by the poll. It in England."

Mr Kenneth Baker will today is certainly not borne out by try to revive battered Conser- what I have seen in the vative morale as he launches constituency so far, where

Mr Prior indicated that poll seek to turn the heat on tax has been a major topic of Labour and deflect attention conversation on his campaign away from inflation, high trail, which begins officially interest rates and the storm today, and he agreed the new over the poll tax.

But after the MORI poll for issue of the by-election. Voters Times Newspapers showing in Mid-Staffordshire face a

> recognise that the rates system has to change and they feel that it is fair to spread the burden amongs a greater number of people.

"What they dislike about it

5,000 votes in a 20 per cent clearly at those who set the swing, Mr Baker faces a charge. Labour-controlled formidable task. Staffordshire County Council

"Last year, because it was some of Labour's support and election year for the counties, that he can woo back some they were prepared to use reserves to keep spending down. Now they are not," Mr

He added: "Councils

look to the example of Wands-It gave Labour 50 per cent, worth in London, where

Six-day battle to push back the sea



Workmen completing repairs last night to the sea wall breached by high waves in Towyn, Clwyd, a week ago. About 30,000 tonnes of rock and 30,000 tonnes of ready-mixed cement were used to seal the hole. Mr Bill Breeze, Colwyn borough council chief executive, said: "It has been an incredible achievement in six

days. They had to pull off the site for homes. With most of the standing water quite a few hours because of the tides in the early days, but they have been working 24 hours a day since Thursday afternoon." Up to 50 firemen using heavy-duty pumps worked throughout the weekend to pump away Sft deep standing water which had covered many ings may not be used again.

gone, Colwyn council appealed to residents to come forward to help them inspect properties in the badly affected Chester Avenue. It is likely to be days before their homes are declared habitable. Some structurally damaged build-

Thatcher plans visit to East Europe the Government But she has a anticipated and the Govern-

By Our Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher is to visit Hungary and Czechoslovakia in the early autumn, and will spend two days in Switzerland. Plans to include Romastable government has yet been established.

Mrs Thatcher did not make her customary foreign foray after Christmas last year, and has travelled much less over the past six months as domestic troubles have crowded on

heavy foreign schedule over ment's business managers the next six months, including visits to Turkey in April and to Kiev in June for a British

nia have been scrapped as her In July the Economic Sum-advisers do not consider that a mit of the leading seven In July the Economic Sumindustrial democracies, will be the Act of Line further relaxations in port the legislation. apartheid.

A visit to the Far East is not Chief Whip, said the Govern-

have told Mrs Thatcher she risks defeat over the Bill which would give 225,000 Hong Kong citizens the right to settle in Britain.

The first count by Tory whips has shown the Govern-

Mr Timothy Renton, the

Ulster Unionists and possibly some Labour MPs to ensure that the Bill, expected around Easter, gets a second reading. However, they are confident of improving the situation: the first count before Christmas showed that they were without held in Texas, and a visit to ment short of a majority on a majority for the Revenue South Africa in August may be the issue, as 80 Conservative Support Grant votes in Janupossible if there is an early end MPs have signed a letter ary which finalized poll tax eventually went through with a respectable if less than solid,

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Humble Tory who rose to become the Cabinet's licensed dissident

There are two obvious meahave dearly loved to dismiss to create on the back benches.

The second is that although she has given him only traditionally low-key Cabinet positions, as Minister of Agriculture and as Secretary of State of Energy and later for Wales, he has achieved just as high a profile in those as he did in the "big is beautiful days" under Mr Edward Heath as Secretary of State for the Environment and later for Trade and Industry.
Although Mrs Thatcher has

been suspicious of the man who managed Mr Edward Heath's campaign for the Tory party leadership, it was Mr Walker who recommended to Mr Heath her first inclusion in a Tory Cabinet.

Few ministers in recent years have managed their departments as effectively as Mr Walker, a facility which has left the teenage founder of Walker's anti-Labour League with plenty of time for pure

He has throughout his career been an inspirational figure to younger left wing Conservatives in the Young Conservatives or in orga-nizations such as the Tory

He has found time too to bring in groups of young back benchers for lunch and a gossip at his ministry. Mr Walker has never hid-

den his One Nation Tory

views. For years he has been

next election, from the Commons, will remove one of the most able politicians of the past two decades.

finge and coming dangerously close to condemning the main thrust of the Government's economic policies. He came near to resignation

sures of that. One is that Mrs over the tough monetarist Thatcher would, on occasion, budget of 1981 and has flirted with the idea on occasions him, as she did a number of since then. But the effectiveother leading figures sharing ness of the "wets" was always his views. But she did not dare limited because he and potento do so in his case, for fear of tial allies such as Sir Ian the trouble the energetic Mr Gilmour, Lord Prior and Walker might have been able Lord Pym never organized their opposition as a group.

Since the 1986 autumn statement indicating the loosening of the reins on government spending the wetdry argument in Conservative circles has effectively been buried and Mr Walker's position in the Cabinet consequently has been easier. Mr Walker, like Mrs

Thatcher, comes from more humble middle-class origins - he did not go to university. Starting in the insurance world, he was one of the young meteors of the early 1960s, going into partnership with Jim Slater and making a through the miners' strike. As fortune in the City with Slater, Walker before getting out with reign may be looked upon less

The impending departure of Thatcher Cabinet, making his the money to give him infavourably. Though he won famous coded speeches dependence in his political record subsidies for the infavourably. Though he won famous coded speeches dependence in his political record subsidies for the infavourably. Though he won famous coded speeches difference life.

youngest chairman of the Young Conservatives, the youngest member of the Shadow Cabinet he entered in 1965 and of the Cabinet His departure will leave Sir Geoffrey Howe as the only other member of Mrs Thatcher's 1979 Cabinet still serving alongside her.

As Secretary of State for Wales Mr Walker has been an undoubted success, operating an independent and highly interventionist policy. Before taking on the job, he sought and won assurances from No 10 that he would be allowed to do it his way. He has poured pump prim-

ing investment into the val-leys and infrastructure projects and he has marketed Wales internationally, boosting inward investment by Japanese and other foreign than do many Tory politicians firms. Above all, with his characteristic enthusiasm and energy, he has created op-timism in the principality. As Secretary of State for Energy he successfully fought

Tributes from Wales

Mr Walker is "the most effective Secretary of State Wales has ever had", according to Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas MP, president of Plaid Cymru (Ruth Gledhill writes). "He has done much to raise the profile of Wales and the Welsh Office at home and

Mr George White, chairman of the TUC in Wales, said: "His greatest contribution was that he restored the Welsh people's confidence and got them doing things for thems

confidence and got them doing things for themselves,"

Mr George Rees, general secretary of the South Wales area of
the National Union of Mineworkers has not forgiven Mr
Walker for the outcome of the miners' strike. "He had the
opportunity to do something about stopping the pit closures. He
did a proper Tory job. I think he is a good Thatcherite."

Mr Bob Bullock, leader of the Conservative-controlled
Hereford and Worcester county council, said he was "appalled
and Gabbaroacted" by Mr Walker's decision.

and flabbergasted" by Mr Walker's decision. Mr David Wright, chairman of the constituency Conservative party, said: "We are very disappointed that he is to resign as MP. He has been a thoroughly good constituency member."

tions to farmers to produce more and more have led to misery for some since the European food mountains and milk lakes have been trimmed But why has he gone now

and how much harm will it do

the Government? Coming as

it does amid the raging poll tax controversy, with Labour ahead by a near-record margin in the opinion polls and the Government under fire on inflation and interest rates, the news of Mr Walker's departure will not help Tory morale. Mrs Thatcher will have lost three senior and experienced ministers - Mr Nigel Lawson, Sir Norman Fowler and now Mr Walker - within months, after a reshuffle that was designed to give her the Tory team with which to face the

electorate next time. The clue to his departure probably lies in the dedication of his latest book, Trust the People. That collection of speeches and essays setting out his views and beliefs after 25 years on the front bench reads: "To Tessa, Jonathan Shara, Timothy, Robin and Marianne, to whom he owes so much."

Mr Walker has a large and comparatively young family for a politician who will be 60 in 1992. And we are at the stage of this Parliament when lifestyle decisions have to be

His hopes of putting into practice his distinctive brand of Conservatism as a party leader have disappeared. He is now seen as a politician of the previous generation. The can-didates of the left for leadership are now his old friend, Mr Michael Heseltine, and in the new political generation, Mr Chris Patten.

And the MP for Worcester has always been a man who can see and enjoy a life outside politics as well.

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Exam cheating allegations

Former student 'sat unprecedented 13 papers' in final year

A former Bristol University dent needs to pass only seven that he was in part following student accused of cheating to qualify for the top degree. so hard for his degree that he had "hardly gone to bed" in four months before his finals.

Mr Francis Foecke, aged 32, denied he had cheated. He said he had studied often up to 18 hours a day, seven days a week, because he was determined to achieve a first class degree in computer science with mathematics. "I went to bed so little - my wife said only twice - the lodgers didn't think I was human. I would

often fall asleep at my desk." He said he revised for up to 36 hours a time before each examination because he had an excellent short-term memory. "I am good at cramming. I have relied on that since I as a teenager."

Mr Foecke, who was giving evidence in public for the first time in answer to allegations that he had cheated, said on the eleveth day of his appeal against a decision by the Board of Examiners to withhold his degree, that he had made a conscious decision to "pull his finger out" in the

final year of his degree course. He said he did that in recognition of the department of mathematics' decision to reinstate him onto the honours course in spite of poor performances in his first and second years, which he said were the result of family and financial pressures as the only mature

married student on the course. In his final year, Mr Foecke sat an unprecedented 13 papers, more than anyone for 20 years at Bristol University. He needed to pass at least 11 with top marks to gain a first class degree because of earlier poor results. Normally a stu-

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To cope with such a heavy workload, he said he attended lectures where he could, time-

table permitting, studied previous exam papers, some going back eight years, borrowed notes from graduates the previous year and copied the lecture notes of students on the same course. By Easter, 1986, Mr Foecke

had sat five papers and submitted a project for which he got a double first. Although he didn't know the results by the time he sat the remainder in the summer, he said he was confident he had done "superbly" because a senior administrator in the Department of Mathematics, Dr John Walker, told him his performance had "astounded certain members of staff".

In all, Mr Foecke answered 57 questions and gained first three statistics questions in class marks in all. The univer-which he is accused of cheatsity believed he cheated in nine but could only prove "beyond reasonable doubt" a breach of regulations in three. He admitted his approach was unorthodox but pointed out



Mr Foecke: 'The lodgers didn't think I was human.'

a booklet given to him as a freshman at Bristol in 1983.

Under a section, "revision technique", it was said that time spent "sussing out the demands of the exam system . is time well spent".

The Board of Examiners has alleged Mr Foecke may have gained access to questions and answers before the examination by breaking into locked offices. It was alleged he was was often seen late at night and early in the morning in the Department of Mathematics, where papers were kept locked.

Under questioning, he admitted he did spend inordinate amounts of time in the department, but only to use computers which were otherse busy during the day.

Mr Foecke answered the ing on May 27 and 28, 1986. He sat for his last examination on June 4. On Friday, June 13, he was told he was under suspicion of "dishonest conduct". Three days later, the detailed accusations were put to him by a four-man panel at which Mr Foecke said he broke down in tears.

Earlier, the committee hearing his appeal refused to accept an affadavit from Dr John Ryan, a former lecturer at Bristol, saying how he had set two questions. Mr Alun Jones, for Mr Foecke, said that sbould not be admitted as the Board of Examiners had completed its case, had declined to bring Dr Ryan from Australia and had abandoned an attempt to establish a live telephone link.

The case continues today.



Model car seeks one careful owner

Victoria Hine, aged 4, of Wentworth, Surrey, taking a shine to a half-scale model of an MG TD which is to be sold by ADT Auctions at Blackbushe, Hampshire, today. The hand-built model can carry two children and is for sale at £7,000-£9,000.

£2m a day in EC subsidy to tobacco growers

The European Community is spending almost £2 million a day on subsidies for tobacco growers despite a pledge to campaign against cancer and other smoking-related diseases (Our Science Correspondent writes).

According to a report by the Centre for Research and Information of Consumer Associations, which is based in Brussels, the EC spent £644 million on tobacco subsidies in 1988. That was £200 million times that in 1979. The forecast expenditure for this year is £799 million, the report says. It points out that every year, 440,000 people in the Community die of tobacco-related diseases but that only a tiny fraction of the EC budget is being

spent on smoking prevention campaigns. "For economic reasons the price support system should be revised immediately, and for health reasons,

long-term tobacco subsidies should be stopped," the report says.

Mr Michael O'Connor, director of the government-funded Coronary Prevention Group, based in London, said yesterday: "It is madness that British taxpayers are subsidizing the growth of a product which kills 300 people a day in this country alone."

Tobacco is produced in Italy, Germany, Spain and Greece.

A win to make up for defeat

urday's Portfolio Platinum prize of £4,000.

Mr John Bowen, an expatriate Welshman of Spalding, Lincolnshire, said: "The only thing that spoiled the day was Wales losing to

Scotland in the rugby. "I have been playing Portfolio since it started and this was my first win. I have not decided what to spend it on, but it will include wood bark for my rhododendrons."

The other winner was Mr T Betts of West Wickham,



This is the last week for entries to the 1990 Environ-ment Award sponsored joint-ly by *The Times* and *BBC* Radio 4's *PM* programme. The competition closes at last post this Friday, March 9. Nominations, of up to 250 y. Nominations, of up to 250 words, typewritten if possible, should be sent to: The Times/PM Environment Award, PO Box 486, 1, Pennington Street, London, E19XN.

People may nominate themselves. Photographs (which are non-returnable) will be helpful and a daytime telephone number for those people nominated is

● Listeners to PM tonight can bear a story typical of many entries: an account of a Scottish carpenter and his relationship with his own

the high cost of health food

By Ray Clancy

Healthy food costs more and

Poor and disadvantaged consumers should not be prevented by cost from eating a healthy diet, the report says. It recommends a series of 24 proposals to improve the re-

The survey found wholemeal bread cost 10p more than white bread, lean minced beef was 62p a pound more expensive than ordinary minced beef and decasseinated coffee 30p above standard

Mrs Rhiannon Bevan, the council's chairman, said: "We are very concerned about this because independent research has shown that low-income shoppers make their choice of food on the basis of cost rather than the information available about healthier ways of eating

Low-income families should not be prevented from enjoying a healthy diet either on the basis of cost or restricted choice."

The survey looked at 30 healthy food items including yoghurt, polyunsaturated margarine, wholemeal bread, lean meat, cod fillets, brown rice, skimmed milk, and pure orange juice in 111 shops throughout Wales.

It found that small shops in rural areas stocked a wider range of these items than small shops in towns but, in general, obtaining all the items would involve visiting more than one shop or even more than one village.

The survey also found high price differentials between large stores such as supermarkets and hypermarkets and small shops.

Concern at MP wants to end churches' role in state schools

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Church comprehensive.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP for Orpington, accused church leaders of hypocrisy in criticizing government inner city policies when they were "failing" children in their own urban schools.

His attack comes after the publication last week of a critical report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools Oxford undergraduates have absorbed the values of Thatcherism without gaining any liking for its founder, accord-ing to a poll conducted for the Oxford student newspaper Cherwell. It found that only a

quarter of undergraduates would vote Conservative. Forty one per cent would vote Labour, 21 per cent Green, 10 per cent SLD, 2 per cent SDP and one per cent Nationalist. Two-thirds of the students questioned could not name the of hand. Home Secretary.

on the church-run Hackney

Free and Parochial School. The inspectors found that half the lessons were "of the poorest quality" and a fifth of pupils played truant. Discipline, especially among the young pupils, had broken down and examination results were abysmal.

The buildings, which under voluntary aided status, are the church's direct responsibility, were described as "squalid and insanitary" with walls covered in graffin of "a particularly offensive kind". Speaking on the BBC Radio Four programme Sunday, Mr

A senior Tory backbench MP Stanbrook said: "This is a said yesterday that the Church Church of England school in is less widely available in rural of England should stop run- an urban area — where they areas, according to a report ning Anglican state schools have total control — and the from the Welsh Consumer after the breakdown of stan-church is to blame for the

> The Rev Bill Hurdman, the Rector of Hackney, said a start had been made on restoring the school to health.

 School heads were last night urged to take a firmer stand with classroom troublemakers, to protect teachers from

The National Association of Head Teachers said schools should consider suspending pupils who swore at their teachers. In cases of physical assault, suspension should be a automatic.

The association said parents should be brought into school in all cases of serious misbehaviour and in the worst cases heads should not shrink

from expelling unruly pupils. The tough line follows criticism by other teachers' unions that heads were failing to back their staff when pupils got out

 The Government was yes-Education pages 35 and 36. terday accused of precipitating "an unprecedented crisis" in teacher morale by deciding this year's 8.3 per cent rise will be paid in two stages.

The Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association described the move as "provocative" and accused ministers of being "at best complacent and at worst cynical about the quality of the education

The association said most teachers would be "significantly worse off" because the real value of the phased rise -7 per cent in April and the rest in January - would fall below the rate of inflation. Education, pages 35 and 36

Coffee-drinking risks

Boiled brews 'to be avoided'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

always have a fresh cup and other factors such as stress avoid a stewed or boiled brew. according to Dr Tom Sanders, a leading British nutritionist.

Dr Sanders, of King's College, London, is investigating suppested links between coffee mption and an increased risk of heart disease and other

His recommendation coincides with publication of a smong men who con study of almost 40,000 people showing there may be a link between high coffee consumption and death from heart

The intest findings, pub-lished in the British Medical Journal, and the largest survey SO far, are believed also to be and smoking. The new results may, therefore, resolve some of the discrepancies in earlier discoveries.

The study by the Norwegian National Health Screening Service in Oslo, found that levels of cholesterol increased as more coffee was drunk and the death rate rose steadily

more than two cups daily. There were fewer deaths among women and excess risk was found among only those who drauk more than seven

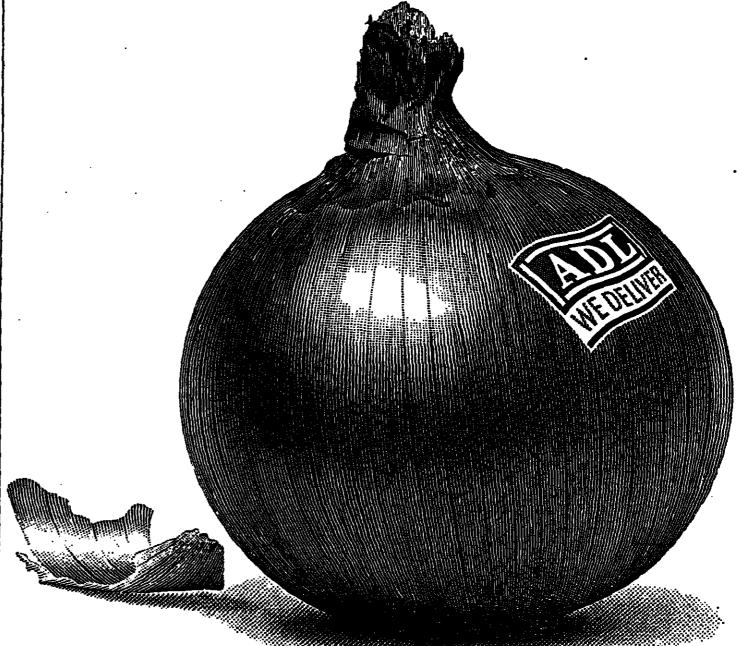
caps a day. The study showed that up to 80 per cent of consumers drank their collee boiled. Dr

Regular coffee drinkers should the first to take account of Sanders' proposals are contained in a review of research into the link between coffee and increased cholesterol levels published in today's issue of Chemistry and Industry.

He says young people seem to be more sensitive to the effects of coffee on the low density lipoprotein, LDL, molecules in cholesterol that are implicated in heart disease.

His research shows there are a number of hormones that can modify the sensitivity of cells of the cardiovascular system to LDL. He describes known substances in the coffe bean which can have similar effects but which are released only slowly if the coffee is

500,000 onions without tears.



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By Jili Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Radical cuts bringing ward closures, reductions in services for the mentally ill and medical and nursing job losses are likely in the next few months, health service mangers said yesterday.

Districts are attempting to balance their books before the internal market comes into force in April 1991. The Department of Health's figures show that the Government has underfunded rises awarded by the pay review bodies by £193 million since

Although Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, said the present cuts were not due to govern-ment underfunding, health authorities had 10 find £35 -million extra in 1989/90 to

finance the awards. In addition, health authorities will carry forward £193 million in accumulated underfunding from the past six years into the next financial year.

This year the cash crisis has come six months early because of health service reforms. The Department of Health wants a "level playing field" before the internal market comes into operation, so districts have to clear any debts - estimated at £108 million - by April 1991.

That is the reason for the radical cuts. Those districts carrying over large deficits from previous years - mainly in London - will face the said authorities in such areas as the West Midlands and Trent and the North, which suffer under the new system of allocating money, may also have to cut services.

Authorities may have to find an extra £44 million to cover awards for nurses and doctors for 1990/91 and, additionally, money for the two-year ambulance award. Health service inflation is also expected to run at least 2

per cent over the 5 per cent figure allowed for in the autumn statement for next

problems: they will have to carry forward the cost of appeals on the regrading of nurses and underfunded pay awards, estimated at £225 million; land sales are not bringing in the income expected: and, from July, districts face a bill of up to £40 million because of new valueadded tax rules.

The National Association of Health Authorities estimates that if inflation runs at 7.4 per cent, districts will start the year with a £150 million

shortfall. West Lambeth having accum-ulated deficits of £8.9 million by next April, substantial cuts in services to patients appear

Mr Clarke argues that districts in debt have only them-

selves to blame. He says they should have planned more accurately to match resources to service provision and that they knew in advance how much to plan for pay awards. In addition, the nurses' regrading exercise had been fully funded. Mismanagement

rather than underfunding is the root cause, Mr Clarke says. However, the association has calculated that districts face government underfund-ing of at least £760 million this

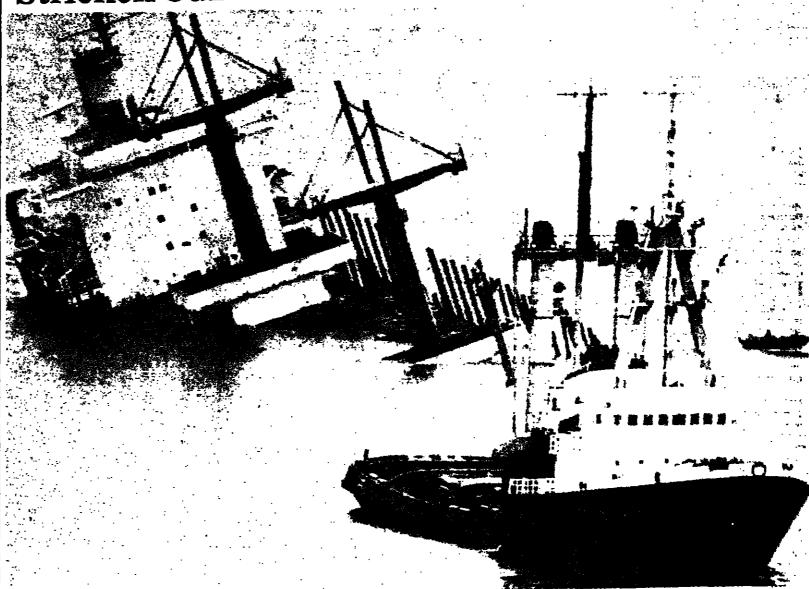
The gap between its figures and Mr Clarke's largely conear. cerus funding for demo-Districts face three further graphic growth. With the roblems: they will have to projected increase in the numbers of elderly people and the subsequent demand on services, health authorities will have to provide more services, unless they cut those to other age groups. The association estimates

> that, together with medical advances, this adds 2 per cent to the health service budget. Mr Clarke, however, does

not acknowledge the 2 per cent. Although he argues that he has, or will, put at least this amount of growth into the health service this year and With districts including next, that is assuming a 5 per cent level of inflation. If inflation runs 2 or 3 per

cent higher, all growth is wiped out. The association estimates that the pay and price shortfall for this financial year was £260 million.

Stricken bulk carrier threatens Cornwall coast



The bulk carrier Toledo after being run aground deliberately yesterday at Cornwall, while being towed by the ocean-going tug Simson. The 10,000-tonne, Hong Kong registered vessel,

two weeks ago, was being towed to Falmouth when it was abandoned because pumps could not cope. Conservationists were monitoring the vessel, carrying a carge of potash that is not

thought to be dangerous, because of fears that fuel may leak on to the beach in one of the most beautiful areas of Cornwall. The Toledo was taken in tow after a rescue operation by a Royal Air Force helicopter which

the tow live broke and the Simson had to chase the Toledo for two days before catching it off the French coast

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The poll tax debate: Government faces embarrassment of capping authorities with low levies

Reserves used to keep down charges

Poll tax levies in most of the metropolitan districts, in London and in some shire districts, are being kept artificially low this year by extensive use of town hall financial reserves (David

Walker writes).
This fact, hidden in sub-paragraphs of the budgetary documents issued recently. means that without substantial extra government support, many councils will be forced to raise their poll taxes by large amounts in April 1991. By then reserves will have

been exhausted and municipal treasurers will insist poll tax levies match actual expenditure. Some local authority. treasurers are saying privately that poll tax levies this year of £400-plus will need to rise to £600 or more next year. The alternative is hefty cuts in spending which the predominantly Labour metropolitan councils and big districts have ruled out.

In the Commons recently Mrs Thatcher castigated councils for "salting away" poll tax payers' money in their reserves. Some shire districts and county councils have undoubtedly boosted their socalled balances - county councils ran down their reserves in 1989 in advance of the county elections last May.

One reason why solidly Tory counties are levying high poll taxes this year is because treasurers insist they rebuild their balances in case of unforescen contingencies. But many more councils are

running down their balances this year in an effort to continue spending as they have been without pushing up the poll tax to politically impossible levels.

Local authority treasurers regularly seek to hide cash in special accounts and funds as a reserve against pay rises that exceed budgets. They have been under pressure from councillors to release the money to keep poll tax below the £500 threshhold which many Labour councils have adopted as the maximum

Action forced against model councils

The Government faces the acute embarrassment of being forced to 'cap" a number of councils whose poll tax is less than the officially recommended figure.

One of them is the London Borough of Merton, where the Conservatives are the largest party. Although Merton's poll tax is some per cent less than the figure assumed by the Department of the

From the abundant salmon

pools of Royal Deeside to the

high technology parks of

Aberdeen, the people of

to the coming financial year

when they will see a cut or, at

worst, an insignificant in-

crease, in their community

Grampian Region is the

There are two main reasons

benefited from an increase in

the amount of its revenue

support grant, and its financial

department embarked on a

ruthless scrutiny of its

Although savings have been

made in administration, the

will increase this year, particu-

larly in social work, education,

roads and the police. The

government safety net, in-

troduced to cushion people in

traditionally high-spending ar-

eas, saw revenue support for

Grampian fall in 1989 while

there were increases in such

places as Glasgow and

During the first year of the-

implementation of the poll tax

in Scotland, individuals in

Grampian found themselves

paying up to £40 effectively to subsidize high-spending coun-

cils. While a £25 million cut in

the safety net for this year

region can boast that services

has achieved a drop in poll tax
levels for 1990-91 compared
and Eskdale

for the cut. Grampian has Fife Region

only area in Scotland which

charge bills.

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Edinburgh.

Grampian are looking forward Enrick

within the capping criteria likely to be set by Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment.

By law he has to work on council spending rather than the amounts actually levied in poll tax and Merton is an "overspender" on figures collected by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. Merton is exceeding its official spending forecast by 17.4 per cent and is spending over 18 per cent per head more than the Government says it needs to provide services.

Mr Patten has yet to announce the

Ruthless watch on spending pays

off for the people of Grampian

CHARGES IN SCOTLAND

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detailed capping criteria, but it is likely he will try to impale predominantly Labour-controlled authorities spending significantly more than the Government would like. He may, however, be unable to avoid catching such unlikely fish as Oxfordshire, where no party has an established majority, but which had

"extremist" overspending council. Mr Patten will catch mainly Labour councils, but they will include Hounslow, the epitome of moderation and often held up as a model for other boroughs with large

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Edinburgh has the highest

poll tax in Scotland, £438

against £392 last year. Glas-

gow residents will pay £338, a

Dr Geoffrey Hadley, con-

vener of Grampian Regional

£32 increase over 1989-90.

never previously been counted as an

ethnic populations. However Hounslow's spending is some 18 per cent above the limits and it is planning to spend 28 per cent more per head on services than the "standard spending assessment" given it by the Government.

According to the Local Government Finance Act 1988, the Government's capping powers relate to aggregate spending by councils, not to the amount they levy in poll tax.

That means in theory that a council could cut its spending in line with orders given it by Mr Patten but adjust its poll tax downwards by

rests on spending, there may be no clear relationship between high poll tax levies and councils chosen for capping. Some of the inner London boroughs, for instance, are traditional high spenders which have also been given a comparatively large "standard spending assess-

ment" by the Government. The Labour-controlled borough of Haringey may escape the cap because, although its poll tax is very high, its expenditure in 1990-91 is likely to be under government

Minister to hear all-party protest

By Ray Clancy

uents effectively had to pay to the second smallest metropoli-cushion people in Strathclyde tan council in England will today tell Mr David Hunt, the Minister for Local Government, that they are having to set an unrealistically high community charge.

councillors said yesterday that council budgeting simply engovernment underestimates of spending needs will add more than £100 a head to the tax. The three Labour and two

up for inflation. Instead, Grampian, con-Independent/Liberal Democrat administration, minutely examined its budget requirements and made a net average saving on the poli tax of about £10 for those liable to pay.

Scots must pay a water charge on top of their personal poll tax bills. In Grampian, the water charge this year will be £32, an increase of only £2, The area has few reservoirs and most water has to come from its rivers making extraction more expensive. Also, North Sea oil-related industry in Aberdeen has an almost unquenchable thirst for water.

Aberdeen itself.

trolled

Dr Hadley said that most

tailed taking the previous year's spending and topping it

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, however, has blamed the safety net cut for the huge increases in Strathclyde and Lothian. As bills for 1990-91 begin dropping through letter boxes this week, councils hit by large increases will seek to lay the blame on the Government for the average nine per cent rise in Scotland.

had meant that his constitlients effectively had to make the constitution from and Lothian regions. With an increase in government aid allied to good housekeeping, the region had achieved curs in every district apart from

Bury Metropolitan District

Conservative councillors, with Mr Brian Smallridge, the council's finance director, are meeting Mr Hunt in London. The authority's poll tax will be decided on Thursday but will be close to £376, some £50 higher than Department of Environment estimates.

The councillors will say that Bury is always overlooked by central government when it comes to extra grants and they cannot sustain services if they stick to Whitehall targets. The controlling Labour oup has drawn up a budget

for the coming year of £109 million, £17 million more than the Government's assessment. Mr Derek Boden, chairman of the finance sub-committee.

said reducing the budget would result in "disastrous" cuts in education, social services, street cleaning, road repairs and litter collection.

We shall be telling Mr Hunt that the Government's estimate of our spending is totally unrealistic. I cannot understand how any minister

can expect a reasonable group utterly devastating effect on

services," Mr Boden said. "The difference between what we need to spend to sustain services and what the Government thinks we ought to spend represents over £100 on poli tax."

The Conservative group be-

lieves spending can be reduced through efficiency measures and contracting out more ser vices but are aware how unpopular the poll tax is and the repercussions of setting a high "Bury is always overlooked

when it comes to handing out extras. It is like a league table, we are next to bottom so we never seem to gain," Mr Sam Cohen, a Tory councillor, said.

"Savings could be made on

the 1990/91 budget but never-theless Bury still does not get enough money from the Government. We all must look to the example of Wandsworth which has a history of privatization and has set the lowest poll tax in England,"Mr Cohen said. More than 8,000 poll tax demonstrators marched

through the centre of Plymouth on Saturday to collect signatures for a petition to be handed to the Prime Minister at Downing Street later this

Police had to delay the start of the march from the Hoe to the Guildhall because more people turned up than had been expected.

Zoologist plans to save rare wood duck

A British zoologist is drawing up plans to save the whitewinged wood duck, the world's rarest duck (Ruth Gledhill writes).

Dr Andy Green, threatene pecies research officer at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucester-shire, plans to set up an international network to save the duck, of which fewer than 200 pairs survive in isolated mets of Thailand, India, Bangladesh and Sumatra.

Irish funerat The funeral of Mr Kevin Fowler and his wife, Marion, who were killed when their car was hit by a train at an unmanned crossing near Ballymena, Co Antrim, was held yesterday. A private funeral was held for Julie Rock, aged

17. a train passenger. Acid rain cost Acid rain is raining some of the best salmon and trout fisheries in Wales, at a cost of £24 million to the Welsh economy, according to a 10-year research study for the Govern-

ment and the former Welsh Water Authority. **Bond winners** Winners in the weekly Nat ional Savings Premium Bond draw are: £100,000, 30DK 806740, of Bedfordshire; £50,000, 005611, of Wirral;

£25,000, 31CN 044535, of

Inverness-shire. Hunt arrests Three members of the Holderness hunt, east Yorkshire, were arrested and one was charged with a public order offence after a disturbance involving saboteurs at a hunt

Man shot dead A man was being questioned by the police last night after the shooting death of a man aged 23 at a crowded shopping centre at Folkestone, Kent, on Saturday.

meeting on Saturday.

Drink penalty Eleven pupils have been sus pended and one has been expelled for illegal drinking at Alihallows school, School, Devon.

School to sell Spencer's Cookham 'Crucifixion' |£12m village project shelved

means higher poll tax in-creases for Glasgow and Edin-burgh, Aberdeen residents will

pay £305 - a £1 increase -

and people in the Kincardine

and Deeside district will pay

large picture, a crucifixion scene set in Cookham High Street, Berkshire, is being offered at auction by Aldenham School, Hertfordshire, with an estimate of £300,000 to £400,000.

It was commissioned by the school in 1956 but met with outrage on initial show at Cookham Church. But it was accepted and dedicated by the Bishop of St Albans in 1956. The school, founded in 1597, is selling the 85in-square painting to finance

capital spending. It will appear at Sotheby's on May 2. Another visionary Spencer nainting, "The Resurrection; painting, Waking Up," is being sold at Christie's on Friday.

"They are both major works and probably the best Spencers to appear on the market in

SALEROOM

By John Shaw

the last 10 years," Miss Susannah Pollen, a modern British picture expert at Sotheby's, said.

The original co came from Mr Jack Martinean, chairman of the school trustees and a friend and admirer of the artist. A large work was needed to hang over the altar in chapel.

Spencer was working on a number of different projects at the time, but Mr Martineau's son Richard recalls that on a studio drawer, which modern work in the spirit of prompted him to suggest the the original." subject to his father. Spencer

It was typical of his highly personal religious style that the work was set locally. The hill of Calvary was suggested by a mound of earth left by fitters working on drains. The spectator's viewpoint is from behind Christ's head, allowing Spencer to include people watching the scene from the bedrooms of their

homes in the high street. Mr Michael Higginbottom, endmaster of the school, said: 'It was a fautastic picture for the chapel. There is quite a bit of development work to be money will go on that but I visit to the painter he found a hope that in the future we will crucifixion sketch pushed in a be able to commission another



Plans to redevelop the Cor- few remaining unspoilt cor- houses and flats as well as nish china clay port of ners of Cornwall. The granite shops and offices on disused Charlestown have been suspended after the developers said the local planning au-thority had blocked their attempts to "revitalize" the

The owners, Mr Barry Williamson and Mr Stephen Lucas, said they had tem-porarily suspended their £12 million project. They bought the village for £2.5 million in 1988 through their company, Swordhurst The news comes five months after Restornel Bor-

ough Council deferred a den on the revised project and invited the developers to resubmit their plans for a third time. So far none has been

Charlestown is one of the more than 100 neo-Georgian big.

harbour, cottages, warehouses

Mr Williamson said he was disappointed with the attitude of local councillors. "We did everything we were asked to do and then found after hours of work that it was totally ignored

" It seemed to us to be a complete and uner waste of

Mr Williamson denied that Charlestown was about to be Mr Ian Robertson, principal put back on the market. "The village is not for sale and absolutely nothing is happening. We can do no more so the village will just deteriorate." Swordhurst wants to build

industrial sites in the centre of and quays have remained the village. Eight plant almost unaltered for the past applications were consider applications were considere by Restormel Borough Council last September. Six were agreed in principle but de ferred for Swordhurst to scale them down. Plans for industrial units

and offices were considered out of character with a village of only one post office and rejected. "We are a sleepy port and

want it to remain that was planning officer, said. Mr Jeremy Facey of the Charlestown Residents' and Tenants' Association, said: "[1 was a ridiculous scheme from the start because it was too

Sea clean-up in response to critics

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of Danish environment min- North Sea each year. It was State for the Environment, will today unveil a package of expensive measures to help start of a campaign to cast off dirty man of Europe".

an end to the large-scale committed themselves. dumping of sludge from treated sewage, a practice that Britain is alone of the North may also announce the phasing out of the discharge of raw rivers than anywhere else. sewage into the sea from coastal pipes.

Ending sewage sludge dumping is likely to cost £300 million. A full package, including building works for treating all raw sewage now going through sea outfalls, would cost £7 billion. Much of the cost would have to be met by higher water bills.

Mr Patten will be attempting to regain the political initiative for the Third North Sea Conference, which takes place at The Hague on Wednesday and Thursday, after increasingly outspoken criticism from other North Sea states about Britain's performance in protecting the fly ash and a quarter of a marine environment. In the million tons of liquid chemiperformance in protecting the last week the German and

Mai-Weggen, the Dutch Transport Minister and the clean up the North Sea, as the North Sea Conference host, have criticized Britain for Britain's reputation as "the allegedly falling short of the standards to which member He is expected to announce states of the conference have

Mr Patten is understood to be planning a rebuttal of the charges, pointing out that Sea states in continuing, and more toxic pollutants enter the North Sea from German

However, two charges are causing Britain international

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embarrassment - that of dumping sewage sludge, and of dumping industrial wastes. Britain has failed to meet the deadline of last December for ending industrial waste dumping which was agreed by Mr Patten's predecessor, Mr £300 million. Nicholas Ridley, at the Sec-Much mo ond North Sea Conference in London in 1987.

At present, nine dumping licences are still in operation which allow more than half a million tons of power station

isters as well as Mrs Johanna only 10 days ago that Britain gave a phase-out deadline for the practice - 1993 - and even now it is not sure that the two companies principally involved, ICI and Sterling Organics, can meet it.

> More than 25 per cent of the 10 million tons of sludge produced in Britain annually is dumped at sea, with the rest being incinerated, used as fertilizer or buried. Government scientists say there is no proof it harms the marine environment, but the political pressure for it to be ended is

The Department of the Environment estimates that it would cost about £200 million to build the incinerators necary to handle the extra load. Last week, the Water Services Association (WSA) said the capital investment necessary would be more than Much · more expensive

would be a programme to build treatment works for the 17 per cent of British sewage at present being discharged into the sea raw through long or short outfalls. Proposed EC legislation requires this, but the WSA has put a £7 billion cal wastes to be dumped in the price tag on the programme.

Patten plans North | Style is sporty as Milan gets down to business Bo Peep and Battern, clor



Autumn offerings: Valentino Oliver's layered and leggy look on show yesterday in Milan with red tartan quilted jacket worn over tartan shorts and warm ribbed tights, or the more slinky silver lurex cable cardigan over a gun-metal taffeta short skirt.

and Renaissance jesters sup-plied the street fashion parade on the first day of the Italian

collections. The Milanese took to the streets over the weekend for a three-day carnival. Inside on the designer catwalks, however, it was clear that when it comes to fashion the Italians

mean business. Fancy dress is

With a combined annual turnover of 500,000 billion lire, the 110 members of the Camera Nazionale della Moda, the Italian trade syndicate of textile and clothing manufacturers showing in Miian this week, are dealing only in straight parades of the real clothes that will fill the world's stores this autumn.

Valentino opened the schedule of shows and established the mood for comfortable, sportier styles with a show of his lower-priced Oliver line in the courtyard of his Milan palazzo. The parka, blouson and duffle-coat are the basics of a fashionable wardrobe in the 1990s because Valentino and the other top international design stars are showing bow they can become high fashion.

In tartan and tweed or dded silk and satin. Valentino's new jacket is cut on a voluminous scale and worn barely skimming the brief skirt or shorts underneath. Tronsers are tapered and

leggings are the fashionable base in this and every other collection seen over the weekend

• A full report of the Milan collections will appear on the

CBI plea for sea dumping

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sea should be allowed to continue, the Confederation of British Industry says today in a report on British business and the North Sea (Our Environment Correspondent

Managing the North Sea, gives examples of action to reduce pollution already being ture funded by the Departundertaken by UK comment of the Environment, will panies, including ICI, Tioxide, establish biological monitor-British Chrome and Chemicals and RTZ Metals.

It also argues for the retention of all disposal routes for Marine Laboratory of the wastes, to allow the concept of Natural Environment Rethe "Best Practicable Environ- search Council, and the fishmental Option" to be put into

open," the report says.

ICI has reduced mercury survey of the North Sea. and cadmium inputs into the Tees by 98 per cent since 1970, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, according to the report.

in cutting back on nickel, zinc marine life survival. and tin into the Humber by 97 per cent since 1975.

Spectrum, page 11 show the state of deeper

Mussels used for pollution checks

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

sarlier contamination warnmgs than chemical analysis of water and sediments.

The first stage of a "mussel watch" project starts this The confederation report, month and will monitor sites along the east coast of Britain. The second stage of the vening stations in deeper waters.

Details of the scheme, developed by the Plymouth eries research laboratories of posal routes to land, air, rivers international scientists meetand the sea must be kept ing at sea on research vessels engaged in an environmental

Dr John Widdows, of the said yesterday that fewer than Tioxide has spent £3 mil- 1 per cent of the 50,000 of trace metals into the Tees present in the marine environby 75 per cent since 1985, ment were identified in degrade in a few days in the Capper Pass (RTZ Metals) has chemical analyses, yet many sea, others take years". spent more than £2.6 million posed a serious threat to

The laboratory will use mussels and oysters to mon-Managing the North Sea (CBI, itor estuaries and coastal wa-Centre Point, 103 New Oxford ters, flatfish to check sedim-St. London WC1A 1DU; £5).

Computer systems are being developed to predict dispersal rates and breakdown of other

Industrial waste disposal at Marine animals are to be used waters. Dr Widdows said to monitor North Sea pollu- regular monitoring of mussel tion because they can provide populations down the East coast should show pollution hot spots.

Mussels and oysters are good chemical monitors because they filter large volumes of water to obtain food and have different biological responses to various pollutants. The scientists have chosen

shellfish beds in the Shetlands washed by yet-to-be polluted water entering the North Sea from the Atlantic - as the prime sites against which the health of those further south will be compared.

Mussels neutralize toxic effects of metals picked up from practice. the Ministry of Agriculture, filter feeding but they remain in its tissues and can be operated effectively, all disdescribed this week to 70 analysed to separate natural from man-made contam-inants. Organic chemicals which comprise the bulk of the 50,000 contaminants are the

most difficualt to identify. Dr Widdows said "crude oil contains several thousand of them. Many have subtle eflion cutting back its discharge contaminants estimated to be fects on the development and growth of marine life. Some

> Organic compounds absorbed through the food chain may be metabolized into a

more toxic compound.

Breached sea wall turns wheat field into a lake

By Michael Hornsby Agriculture Correspondent

Mr Alec Douglas, who farms 330 acres near Rye, in East Sussex, has been counting the cost of what he believes has been a government failure to

maintain the sea wall in the area. A week ago a storm-driven high tide broke through the defences, leaving 90 low-lying acres of winter wheat under several feet of salt water. The water is receding only slowly through culverts into the nearby Rother and the crop has been ruined.

"Once the water has gone down, I will have to get a salinity analysis done. Hopefully, the salt will have

washed out of the soil enough to allow me to plant some oilseed rape, which is a tougher crop, in the spring," Mr Douglas says. "I would have been looking for a wheat harvest of about 300 tons, worth some £35,000."

The wall, concrete for most of its length between Pett Levels and Rye Harbour, was breached where it is made of shingle. "It seems that money ran out while the wall was was being built in the 1950s, leaving one mile unfinished", he says. "The shingle bank is about 4ft to 5ft lower than the rest of the wall, and part of it just melted and collapsed like a sandcastle

up the east coast about the security of sea walls. Romney Marsh, some 62,000 acres, is at risk from sea

Mr Douglas's concern is supported by the Country Landowners Association (CLA), which is pressing the Government to relax restraints on sea defence spending.

Mr Alan Longworth, the association's water adviser, said: "We are particularly worried about sea walls which protect rural land because if they are breached it is unlikely that the Government's strict cost-benefit rules would allow them to be rebuilt." Under the Treasury rules, the and property must at least equal the cost of flood defence schemes. The CLA believes on that basis, much good coastal agricultural land may be deemed not worth saving because it is surplus to food needs.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that the Government's contribution to flood defence and coastal protection work would rise from £36 million in 1989-90 to £54 million in 1992-93. At present, the Government could meet only 70 per cent of the cost of individual projects, leaving the local authorities to meet the balance out of their own budgets. That limit would be raised to

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Inland Revenue policy raises taxing questions

ment set its face so adamantly against using the Inland Revenue to secure the repayment of student loans when both informed and lay opinion clearly think the taxman could do the small amount of extra work involved with

The answer is, it hasn't. The Department of Education's draft rubric for its Student Loans Company envisages the chasers-up of re-calcitrant payers having access to Inland Revenue data, But still Mr John Mac-Gregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science. avers there are insuperable obstacles to including the

revenue in his loans scheme. Is the answer that the Inland Revenue does not want the extra work or is it that the Treasury will resist all "hypothecated" taxes (which is what a graduate tax would be)? Those who are dissatisfied with Mr Mac-Gregor's responses will turn in vain to the latest Inland Revenue Management Plan*

for an answer. For student loans and the possible role of the Inland Revenue in council finances and all that belong in the black box of policy. The document, a fine example of new managerial literature. will tell those taxpayers who care to peruse it how much tax collection costs, how productive tax inspectors are and how the latest computer scheme is progressing. But crucial questions like why?" and "isn't there a different way?" - well, those are policy matters left to ministers, and the confidential advice of officials.

What we know is that policy is going to cost more, whatever it might be. The policy, legislative and legal functions of the Inland Revenue will rise from a cost this year of just over £23 million to £30.5 million by the end of 1992-93.

What, you might ask, is all this new tax policy? The management plan is not explicit, beyond mentioning the effects of overseas tax systems on business. What is certain, the revenue says, is that the "complexity" of legal and legislative work will increase.

Now that is a prediction of a kind which ought to set alarm bells ringing at the Adam Smith Institute: wasn't the Government sup

*Inland Revenue Management Plan (Room 8, New Wing, Somerset House, London WC2R 1LB. £13.50)

posed to be simplifying taxes and reducing the burden on business? The burden on some businesses might increase: the revenue is seeking to put the responsibilities for aspects of the tax system on firms (which do, after all, employ accountants and lawvers) rather than with ordinary taxpayers (which is what has happened with PAYE and mortgage interest

tax relief in the past). Meanwhile the total staff employed by the Inland Revenue is expected to remain buoyant, certainly not to drop. The reason is that the number of some types of taxpayer, like the self employed, is rising, making tax administration (under current laws) more com-

plicated. Another is tax

through which inflation pushes more and more people into upper tax brackets, and increases the cost of

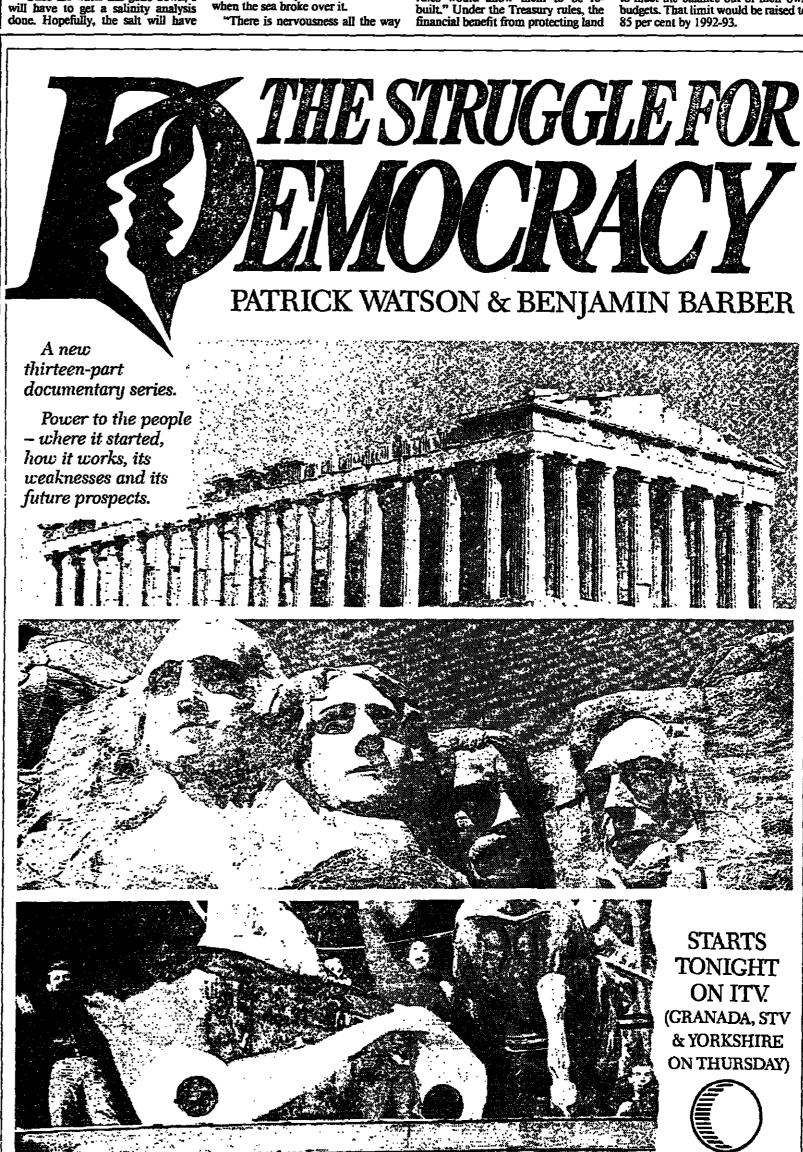
dealing with their tax affairs.

If this sounds critical of the revenue, remember that only by setting out its figures can the revenue be asked the right questions in order to account for its policies and operations. For in what other department is there such a full rendering of the official numbers? Which other department would openly admit to the lack of benefits of our relatively high rates of inflation?

Tet the Revenue's greater openness breeds bigger questions, like why is the cost of the tax system increasing? Its efforts to be kind to its "customers" begs other questions, too: why don't the revenue's inspectors and tax advisers assist the public in minimizing their liability to tax? It would be a fine day when you could go to the taxman for active rather than merely neutral advice on how to manage income.

On present evidence, no entrepreneur is ever likely to be set to care for and maintain the taxes acts. Sir Anthony Battishill, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, is a stolid character, but he has moved with the times, and laid his administrative stall out for public inspection. At the very least the average taxpayer now has a pretty good idea of what some of the earned income that disappears into the maw of PAYE is spent on.

David Walker



All weekend, as Señora Violeta Chamorro, the President-elect, appealed to exiles to come home, diplomats, churchmen and officials in the incoming government sought to persuade leaders of the Contra rebel army to lay down their arms immediately.

Señora Chamorro has told the Contras that she sees no role for them in her new administration. The Contra commanders are incensed that she has failed to respond to two letters sent to her late in the week by Señor Israel Galeano, the Contra commander who also uses the nom de guerre Comandante Franklin.

Some 3,000 Contra guerrillas are still operating in the Nicaraguan hills, staging ambushes and killing civilians. Mr Harry Shlaudeman, a US special envoy, was dispatched by President Bush to Honduras, where the rebel force is based, on Saturday to convey what diplomate said was a simple message: "The battle has been won and there is nothing to negotiate except the procedure for

In Managua, one of a handful of Contra commanders who returned before the elections said they were pessimistic. "There is a lot of hatred", said Senor Luis Fley, who fought under the name of Comandante Johnson. "No one wants to lay down their guns because they could face reprisals."

Visitors to the Contra bases i Honduras have reported a mood of defiance. "These guys think they have won and they think they have something to negotiate," said one source in the United Nations team trying to supervise the transition. "Some of them think they can take over the Sandinista Army and turn it into a Contra army."

There is no love lost betwen the battlehardened field commanders and the civilian politicians in Managua, several of whom belonged to the rebel political directorate that was based in Miami and

dissolved a year ago. The fighters are bitter that Señora Chamorro gave them no credit for bringing about the collapse of Sandinista power and feel betrayed by the Americans who created them as a proxy army. "We know that no one wants us, that

we are a cancer, but they had better handle us with care," said Senor Galeano. As well as guarantees of security, the commanders are seeking heavy compensation. Señor Fley, who served as the Contras' financial officer, suggested that the US provide about \$100 million (£60 million) to resettle the 10,000 fighters and their 50,000 or so family members. Washington, which stopped providing "non-lethal" aid last week, is unlikely to come up with more than a fraction of that figure.

The insurgents, set up eight years ago under the guidance of the Central Intelligence Agency, say they will only stop fighting once they are convinced that the Sandinistas will relinquish power, including control of the San-dinista Army. "We do not trust the Sandinistas," said Comandante Galeano, who took command last month along with a group of militant young comrades. "They are capable of delivering the government but not the power of the arms to the winners of the

Under Senor Galeano and his new staff, the Contras are effectively operating as an independent army, answerable

"Inventing the Contras was the easy part," said a senior official of the Sandinista Government. It is beginning to look like the Americans created a monster that they cannot control."

The Sandinistas are furious that the Contras have broken the terms of the Central American Peace plan under which they were required to disband in eturn for the holding of open elections

President Ortege and his brother Humberto, the Defence Minister, see the continued existence of the Contras as an

April 25. The rebels' refusal to disarm has contributed to a stalemate in negotiations between Senora Chamorro's team and the Sandinistas over the transition. The Sandinistas are insisting that the new government will have no constitutional power to dismantle the command of the Sandinista Army, a 70,000-strong force whose officers are sworn to "defend the

Taking a cynical view, some sources in the UNO, the coalition grouped round Señora Chamorro, believe that the Contras and the Sandinistas, who have killed over 30,000 Nicaraguans in their long guerrilla war, now share an unholy mutual dependence. The Contras, they say, provide the Sandinista Army with a pretext for rejecting any change from revolutionary to democratic army.

The Sandinistas say they are genuinely afraid that the Contras, intoxicated by what they see as their triumph, will stage mass reprisals. Sedor Tomás Borge, the hardline Interior Minister and chief of the powerful police and security apparatus, has told friends that the former defend themselves against venguance attacks "using all means nontifary On their side, the Contras say they four

attacks at the hands of well-armed Sandinista militants. Tens of thousands of AK4? rifles have been distributed to citizens over the past 10 years.
Sandinists malitants, furnous at what

they see to be the bewayal of their cause. have vowed to resist change with arms. "Arms of war are being distributed among fanatics of the Sandinista party, endangering social stability in our country." UNO said in a formal statement on Friday.

While some sections in the US Administration have indicated that they favour keeping the Contras armed as a guarantee until the Sandinistas step down, diplomats in Managua insist that Washington is anxious to dismantle the force immediately. Among plans being discussed is the idea of a half-way demobilization. Under this, the Contras could hand over their wespons to a neutral party, pending the handover, while reserving the right to re-form.

Likud revolt grows as deadline nears on US peace plan

Party led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, eigners," Mr Rabin said. yesterday reached a new pitch as the hour of decision over Israel's fateful choice in the Middle East peace process loomed nearer. According to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, Washington wants to convene the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo on April 2.

stepped up their revolt as Mr Shamir indicated he was willing to accept most, if not all, of the points in a US-sponsored house Soviet Jews. plan for Israeli-Palestinian Likud ministers, who held a

stormy session at the weekend, are to meet again today to make a "final" choice. This follows an inconclusive session yesterday of the "Forum of Four" of top ministers from the coalition partners Likud and Labour, Mr Shamir and Mr Moshe Arens, the Foreign Minister, for Likud, and Mr Shimon Peres, the Finance Minister, and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister,

Right-wing rebels in Likud

Labour said its ultimatum to Likud to accept the US proposals by Wednesday still stood and Mr Peres refused to give assurances that Labour would not try to form a coalition with smaller parties to achieve a peace settlement if there was still stalemate in

the coalition then. Mr Rabin, whose support helped to bring about the present crisis, yesterday appealed for "calm and wisdom" at a time when Israel's very sprvival was at stake. In remarks which could be taken as indicating his willingness to let Mr Shamir off the book if the final day or two of debate threatened to break Likud apart completely, Mr Rabin said the coalition had to "choose its course wisely".

Israel must not fall into a trap set by its enemies, Mr Jerusalem".
Rabin said, adding that safe- This last

The debate within the Likud giving up strategic assets won at such heavy cost merely for His remark was an apparent

reference to a threat by Mr James Baker, US Secretary of State and author of the peace talks plan, to withhold \$400 million (£240 million) in guaranteed loans for the absorption of new immigrants unless Israel provided assurances that the money would not be used to build new settlements in the occupied territories to

In a bid to ease US-Israeli tensions and thus increase Mr Shamir's margin for manocuvre, the US State Department moderated its language over Mr Baker's threat at the weekend. None the less, US diplomats said that Washington's threat still held, and



Mr Rabin: Appeal for calm and wisdom at crucial time. for Labour's threat to with- Israeli assurances were still draw from the coalition required. Mr Rabin himself the planned Cairo talks would said that Israel must not "miss not be "just another step" but this chance for peace" and the beginning of the road to a should accept the US proposals for Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo on elections in the occupied territories.

Under the Baker plan, the Palestinian negotiating team would include at least one able to defend itself effectively Palestinian deported from the one or more residents of the said negotiations on such a occupied territories "who has state lay far in the future. a second home or business in

Palestine Liberation Organization and would lead to a Palestinian state. Sources said that Mr Shamir had tried to assure Likud rebels that Israel would still retain the right to disqualify any proposed Palestinian whom it regarded as "terrorist".

The Likud rebels are led by Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, with Mr Ariel Sharon, who resigned from the Cabinet two weeks ago, leading the campaign against the US peace plan from outside Government. Mr Levy said yesterday that Likud ministers would be "fooling themselves" if they believed

the Baker plan was acceptable. But Mr Peres insisted that Israel must give a "clear-cut and precise" answer to Washington by Wednesday. Asked whether east Jerusalem Arabs had the right to take part in either the Palestinian negotiating team or subsequent elections, Mr Peres replied: "What are we going to do otherwise -

Some right-wingers in Likud yesterday gave a resounding "yes" to the rhetorical question. Jewish settlers' leaders in the West Bank and Gaza echoed this, warning that they would stage massive protests and marches in the next few days to prevent any Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories as part of a future peace package.

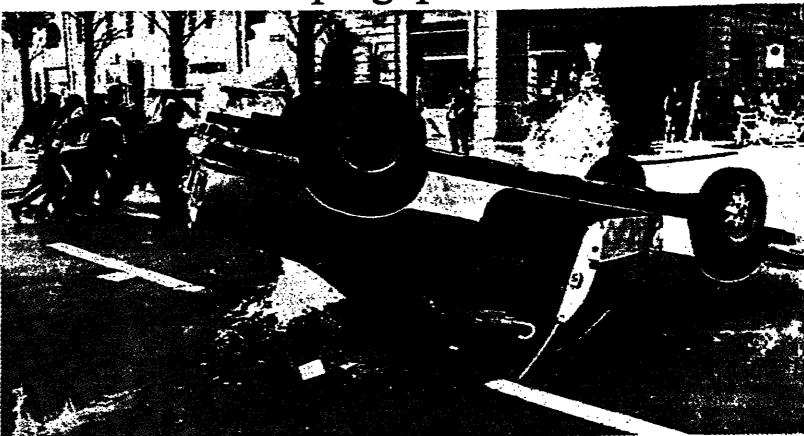
Mr Uri Ariel, leader of the 70,000 settlers, warned that new state of Palestine. General Matan Vilnai, the

head of Army Southern Command, said it was doubtful whether an Israel reduced to its pre-1967 borders would be against an armed Palestinian West Bank or Gaza, as well as state next door. But diplomats

Four thousand Arabs living inside Israel proper have guarding lives was more important than Israel's public relations image.

This last issue proved signed a petition calling on the explosive yesterday, with many Likud ministers arguing that such a delegation would that the influx would damage that the influx would damage.

Swiss 'anti-snooping' protest turns violent



esters setting fire to cars outside the Swiss Parliament in Bern on Saturday after a 30,000-strong peaceful demonstration against state surveillance of citizens ended in chaos. About 200 demonstrators smashed windows of shops and government offices and set fire to banks and several cars (Alan McGregor writes

The Justice Ministry was broken into by booded demonstrators who removed documents, including files relating to political asylum seekers.

Riot police retaliated with tear gas, water cannon and rubber bailets. Ten policemen and several demonstrators were injured, one seriously. The openair meeting in the Bundeshaus squa which had been packed with 35,000 people, had been officially authorized. Protesters, both elderly and young, came from all over the country. The meeting was organized by Socialists, Greens and middle-of-the-road incommittee campaigning under the slogan "Stop State Sacoping". This expresses public resentment after the disclosure that about 900,000 names are on federal police files, many tining inconsequential details unrelated to any security consideration. Police kept records on many people who had simply exercised their democratic right of free speech, a parliamentary commission found. The information came from the published

gated the "Kopp affair", manely the circumstances under which Mrs Elisabeth Kopp, a former Minister of Justice, tipped off her husband, a Zarich business lawyer, that the concern of which he was vice-president was suspected of hundering drugs money. Last month she was acquitted of breaching profes secrecy, but the enterprise is the subject of an official investigation which may be taken up by a par-

US-Japan trade talks

Bush wins deficit pledge Vatican emissary

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

President Bush and Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese Prime Minister, ended with a pledge to resolve the trade tensions which have soured relations in recent months.

While producing no specific trade agreements, the fact that the talks were arranged at very short notice underlined the importance the Bush Administration attaches to trade ties with Japan.

The two leaders met for three and a half hours at a country club in Palm Springs, California. Both men are anxious to avoid a series of US sanctions against Japanese imports which Congress is to apply over the next three months unless Washington wins significant trade con-

cessions from Tokyo. President Bush invited Mr Kaifu last week by telephone only hours after US-Japan trade talks in Tokyo ended on an acrimonious note. The US leader said afterwards he was pleased with the talks. Both men pledged to work towards trimming America's \$49 bil-lion (£32.6 billion) annual

trade deficit with Japan. The two men also agreed to trade restrictions. co-operate on a range of other global issues, including antidrug efforts and support for fledgeling democratic govern-ments in Central America and Representative, Mr Nicholas Eastern Europe.

Talks at the weekend between answer questions in the Diet, Commerce Secretary, and Mr or Parliament, today on his James Baker, the Secretary of meeting with President Bush, State Mr Kaifu was accompasaid he was "determined" to nied by his Foreign Minister, Mr Taro Nakayama. make structural reforms in Japan a top priority for his Cabinet. Both Japan and the

For each leader's domestic purposes, the meeting appeared to be a success. Mr US have charged each other with stalling on attempts to correct the trade imbalance. Kaifu, who was re-elected two weeks ago, won credibility for receiving the invitation to visit Palm Springs from the Washington wants Japan to open its markets further to imports, especially US lum-US President and looked set satellites and to be able to convey the superconductors, while the impression he was working for Japanese have repeatedly the benefit of Japan and not called on the US to cut its simply bowing to US pressure. budget deficit as a way of

The White House had sought to fend off criticism increasing its economic from Congress that it was placing insufficient pressure on Tokyo to acknowledge that clined as both nations, which Japan's traditional business more than one-third of the methods are responsible for inequity in bilateral trade.

Mr Bush described his meeting with Mr Kaifu as "an opportunity to come together and take stock of the entire range of our dealings", including discussions on international aid and co-operation on defence. Both mentioned the tension in their bilateral economic relations but emphasized their commitment to improve ties.

Mr Bush, addressing Japa-Mr Bush took with him to California senior Administranese concerns about protectionism, said he wanted to lower the US trade deficit by Representative, Mr Nicholas further boosting exports and astern Europe.

Baker, his Treasury Secretary, not by "restricting our mr Mr Kaifu, who was due to Mr Robert Mosbacher, his kets or managing trade". not by "restricting our mar-

WORLD ROUNDUP

holds Beirut talks

Beirut - A Vatican emissary was said to have arrived secretly in Beirut yesterday to warn warring Christian leaders that further violence would lead inevitably to Syrian military intervention to halt the month-old conflict (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). Political sources identified the envoy as Mgr Alberto Sozzi and said he was holding separate talks with General Michel Aoun, the rebellious commander of the army in east Beirut, and Mr Samir Geagea, leader of the Phalangist "Lebanese Forces" militia.

Last night neither side had official comment on Mgr Sozzi's mission, but it became clear that the Vatican is trying to avoid at all costs any Syrian action inside the Christian enclave. But as the new mediation was believed to be under way, sporadic battles in east Beirut marred the ceasefire proclaimed on Saturday.

Clash in Philippines

Manila - A general and 15 others were killed in fighting yesterday between followers of the rebel leader and former colonel, Mr Rodolfo Aguinaldo, and forces loyal to President Aquino's Government in the northern province of Cagayan (Vyvyan Tenorio writes). Brigadier-General Oscar Florendo was shot dead at close range by rebels during a government assault on guerrillas in a botel in Cagayan's capital of Tuguegarao. Mr Aguinaldo, governor of Cagayan, who was suspended because he supported the coup attempt in December, escaped with some of his troops. However, 212 of his followers had surrendered by last night.

Jail term for incest

Paris - A father of six children has been sentenced to 14 years imprisonment at the end of the first incest trial to be held without reporting restrictions in France (Susan MacDonald writes). The shocking details which emerged daily in court in Gers, south-western France, last week were due to the victim's wish that what she suffered be made public. Because of an earlier eight-year sentence overturned for technical reasons, it was the third time in three years that Rachel Bonnemazou, now aged 24, had stood in the witness box to re-live her eight-year ordeal at the hands of her father. From the age of 13, she suffered five pregnancies resulting in three abandoned babies and two abortions, beatings and a gunshot wound inflicted by her father.

Mongolia reform call

Peking — Mongolia's opposition yesterday held its biggest demonstration yet, calling for the resignation of some members of the parliament, or *Hural*, and for the members of the parliament, or *Hural*, and the parliament Communist Party to hold an emergency meeting by the end of the month (Catherine Sampson writes). Some demonstrators threatened a hunger strike unless their demands were met, according to one witness. Some 20,000 people gathered yesterday in central Ulan Bator to take part in a rally organized by the Mongolian Democratic Party and two new organizations, the New Progressive Union and the Union of Mongolian Students. Their statement called for changes in the Central Committee and for a separation of the functions of party and state bodies.

Reshuffle in Tunisia

Tunis — Mr Chedli Neffati, Tunisia's Interior Minister, has been downgraded in a Cabinet reshuffle by President Zinc ben Ali (A Correspondent writes). Dr Hamed Karoni, the Prime Minister, appointed last September, stayed in his job but Mr Neffati was demoted to the Justice Ministry — after criticism of the way his ministry failed to cope with massive floods in January. His place has been taken by Mr Abdelhamid Escheikh, the Foreign Minister. Mr Ismail Khelil, the governor of the Central Bank, replaces Mr

PLO attacks 'provocation'

This dispatch was compiled under the new censorship restrictions imposed by Israel on all reporting about Soviet immigration.

Israel yesterday defeaded its decision to cer news relating to Soviet immigration and said the move was to protect Russian immigrants riest attacks by Arab extres

Mr Avi Pazner, media adviser to Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, said there had been "a number of threats by terrorist organizations, Palestinian and other-wise, to strike at immigrants".

As he spoke, Mr Mahmoud Abbas, a camber of the Palestine Liberation Organization executive committee, was quoted as saying that the settlement of Soviet Jews in the ed territories was a "provocation" which was bound to have an impact on Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza. He told an

Arabic newspaper in London: "Nobody can guarantee the results of this provocation when a Palestinian sees with his own eyes a person coming from Leningrad or Kiev to threw him out of his home just because he is a Jew."

The Israeli authorities say that under 1 per are making streamons efforts to attract Ru arrivals to the occupied territories.

Mr Pazzer said the consorship was intended to cover the number of Soviet immigrants coming to Israel, the routes they took, their

The Israeli authorities say that there a percent of Soviet Jews who have poured into Israel since the beginning of the year have gone to the West Bank or Gaza, but Jewish settler groups

Mercover, some Russian immigrants have settled in the Jewish suburbs of Jerusalem in reas which were annexed by Israel after the 1967 six-day war but are regarded by the international community as "occupied".

means of travel and the names of those involved in organizing the exodus.

Vintage row ferments over formula to find a classic

All that sniffing, swilling, swooshing and spitting by wine-tasters could soon be a thing of the past. Professor Orley Ashenfelter, a

Princeton University economist and publisher of a newsletter called Liquid Assets has devised a athematical formula for predicting the quality of French red wine

This heresy has caused uproar in the clubby world of wine-rating by suggesting that, in the future, palates will be replaced by personal

"Ludicrous and absurd" is how the idea was described by Robert Parker, America's most influential wine critic. Professor Ashenfelter's formula is based on the theory that

from M Bruno Prats, owner of the Château Cos d'Estournel in the St-Estephe. M Prats charted both the average temperature during the growing season and rainfall during the harvest months in an effort to make systematic comparisons be-

The Princeton economist added data for winter rainfall, and measured the statistical relationship between these factors and the most objective gauge of quality he could find: the auction price of some 80

His "multivariate regression analysis" came up with a simple formula: calculate the winter rain and the barvest rain (in milliheavy rains in the winter followed by a hot summer improve the vintage, while rainfall before the harvest harms it.

Bordeaux - vintages between 1952 The test will come, however,

when younger vintages come of age. Vintage red wines in France spend 18 to 24 months in oak casks before being set aside to age in bottles, and it is only years after the harvest that they can be judged by taste with any

In 1967, for instance, the leading wine writer, André Simon, predicted

price of better vintages.

competitiveness.

differences.

Relations have also de-

together are responsible for

world's economic output,

have blamed a lack of trade

progress on cultural

In certain quarters of Cap-

itol Hill, suspicion about Ja-pan's intentions to make

substantial changes in its ways

of conducting business have

led to a wave of "Japan-

bashing" among members of

Congress eager to impose

Even so, tastes from the barrel are crucial to determining the prices of wine futures, which are sold the year after the harvest. It is here that Professor Ashenfelter's system may prove its merit. Although his evaluation accords with that of the traditionalists for most vintages, there is a key difference of opinion about the 1986 Bordeaux.

Mr Parker, whose magazine The Wine Advocate has a circulation of some 27,000 - compared with Liquid Assets' readership of 600 judges the 1986 Bordeaux to be very good and sometimes exceptional", as do other wine experts.

praised 1985 vintage. But according to Professor Ashenfelter's system, the 1986 Bordeaux is doomed to mediocrity by below-average growing season temperatures and aboveaverage harvest rainfall. He predicts that it will go down in

history as perhaps the worst vintage of the 1980s, no better than the unremarkable 1974s or 1969s. A still greater test case, which could make or break Professor Ashenfelter's system, is last year's Bordeaux.

Although these wines are barely three months old, Professor Ashenfelter is predicting that, because of the hottest growing season in memory, combined with a very dry harvest, the 1989 Bordeaux will outdo the great vintage of 1961

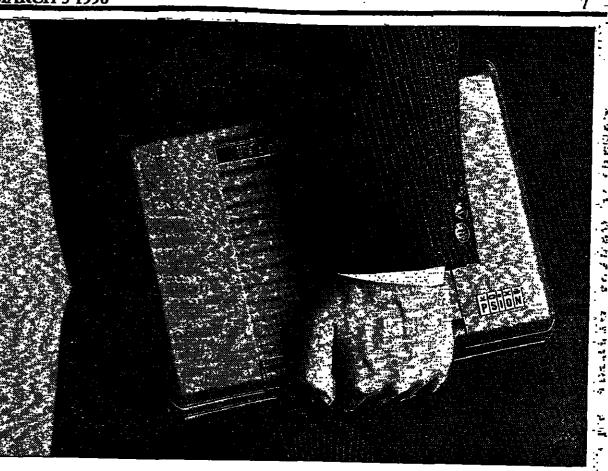
to become the best of the century.

wine vintages, just like labour economics, his field of expertise, yield to statistical analysis. metres); add summer heat in the that the 1965 Bordeaux would be vineyard (degrees Centigrade); and subtract 12.145. New York one of the finest. But the 1965s turned out to be weak and acidic and The inspiration for his work came According to the calculation, now sell for just a fraction of the

The formula yields a remarkably sing statistical fit with conventional wisdom about Burgundy — as well as

Wine merchants already price the

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Beer and carnations in Soviet ballot-box battle









his votes yesterday at a Moscow polling station in the local council and republic parliamentary elections. His wife, Raisa, allowed their granddaughter, Oksana, to put her ballot paper in the box. Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Communist hardliner, and Mr Boris Yeltsin, right, the maverick reformist, were also voting in the capital.

Election day in and around Moscow was a mixed experience (Mary Dejevsky writes). They gave me a red carnation at the Oktyabr cinema on Kalinin Prospekt in central Moscow. In the industrial suburb of Bagratsionsky district, a large man accompanied me gently, but firmly, from the premises, and in

Peredelkino, in the countryside to the south-west of the capital, they steered me away from the voting area by offering the delights of the special voters' snackbar instead.

The weather yesterday was just as Russians like their winter frosty, snowy and sunny — and in the village of Peredelkino, set amid the birch trees, the deputy chairwoman of the local electoral commission said she was sure it had brought the voters out. They might also have been tempted by the beer and cooked chickens on sale at the back entrance, but that went unsaid. "Her" territory, one of the two Peredelkino polling stations, was on the ground floor of an ugly 1970s block - a rest home for party veterans. Like all

floors had been scrubbed, the red carpets were out, the fire regulations and a copy of the voting law were on display, and the bust of Lenin was well to the fore.

To the left of the hall was a long table, with eight middle-aged women who would not have disgraced a Women's Institute meeting receiving the voters, checking their documents and handing out ballot papers. To the right of the hall was a row of six red-curtained booths, each with a smali table and a pencil on a string, and to the right of the booths a single ballot box looking rather like a wooden postbox. In accordance with the regula-

tions, voters had to pass through

the booths to get to the ballot box

— a geographical detail which
some found confusing, as they did
not recognize the ballot box for
what it was. By 2pm, well over 60

• The younger the voter, the more they seemed drawn to the single noncommunist candidate 9

per cent of those registered had cast their vote.

On the other side of the village, the second polling station in a "House of Culture" — akin to a community centre - was almost deserted, the electoral commission the papers but, said the com-mission chairwoman, Mrs Nina Yakovleva, theirs was a scattered community and more than 70 per cent had already voted.

The industrial suburb of Bagratsionsky, with its huge metal pipe factory, is about as far from the small white church and the birch trees of Peredelkino as it is possible to get. Dull brown blocks built in the 1950s onwards compete for space with shabby but white blocks from the past decade.

But the polling station at the Rubin sports stadrum was as clean and regimented as all the others. A lorry unloaded crates of extra beer and soft drinks, and young couples walked slowly up to the official members manning it were reading posters showing the candidates

checking that they had made the right choice. The younger the voter, the more they seemed drawn to the single non-communist candidate on the par-

liamentary list. By 3.30 pm, and with a turnout of more than 70 per cent already registered, voting had turned into an outing groups of voters 52t around the tables filling in their ballot papers and talking. The concept of the secret ballot, it seemed, might be an unnecessary luxury for many naturally gregarious Russians. My zealous interest in the candidates' posters outside the polling station brought a tap on the shoulder from the electoral

that his tolerance of inquisitive foreigners was limited.

Mandela seek

ears on futur

The marble basement of the Oktyabr cinema in central Mosoow saw a slow trickle of voters in the late afternoon. The rush was between 11 am and 2 pm. In place of the snackbar, a stall was selling cosmetics and cards for International Women's Day on Thursday. Mr Albert Grigoryev, chair-man of the commission, a dapper man in a grey suit, was proud of being in charge of one of Moscow's prestige polling stations.

There had been queues at the height of polling, but only two or three people - and look, he said, they had comfortable chairs to sit on. His assistant handed me a

Bonn-Warsaw border dispute

Critics step up pressure on Kohl

From Ian Murray, Bonn, and Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West tension in Silesia, with some likely SPD candidate for the liberals high moral ground on as his frequent trips to intersaw in the week ahead over knowledge the German-speak-Poland's border.

There is widespread outrage domestically among politi- mainly as Silesian, part Gercians of all parties that he is man, part Pole, with a mixed seeking to impose new conditions on Poland for a guar- claimed exclusively by either antee of its existing western country. frontier.

Warsaw plans to launch a big diplomatic offensive to squeeze an explicit commitment on the German-Polish only himself to blame, and border from Herr Kohl. A crisis session of Polish experts and diplomats was held at the weekend to work out ways to stop the two countries' rela-

tions deteriorating further. Within West Germany, there are even signs that Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic (CDU) coalition with the liberal Free Democrats (FDP) - on which he relies to stay in power - is being stretched to breaking point on the issue.

His latest insistence on a fresh undertaking from Poland that it will not seek any per cent. further wartime reparations has been met with an estimate by the year-old "Federation of Victims of the Third Reich" that there are still 13.3 million Polish people with outstanding claims of DM 537,100 million (£191,800 million) against Germany.

The Polish leadership rejected Herr Kohl's proposal on reparations and guarantees of ethnic German rights out of

ing community in Silesia as a "minority". It is regarded ancestry that cannot be

The FDP leader, Count Otto Lambsdorff, has told Herr Kohl that he is facing a dilemma for which he has warned that it is now a central issue in the coalition. Count Lambsdorff has been

attacking the Chancellor extensively on this issue recently and could well be preparing a retreat from the FDP coalition with the Christian Democrats. back to one with the Social Democrats by the time of the December general election. The latest opinion poll by the Wickert Institute, published on Saturday, shows the CDU has lost 1.2 per cent support in the past month, falling to 41.3

The Social Democrats (SPD) have gained 1.2 per cent, rising to 37.9 per cent, and the FDP are up by 0.2 per cent to 9 per cent. With support for the far-right Republicans falling back further to just below 3 per cent, the trend is to the left. The Greens hold firm at 6.5 per cent.

This shift is despite, or perhaps because of Herr Kohl's attempts to identify hand. More than 65 per cent of Poles, according to latest opinion surveys, oppose any kind of reunification. There was Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the Polish border issue gives the regist.

Herr Genscher argues that Hans-Dietrich Genscher, at For months, Herr Genscher in the new, democratic Europe borders and nationalism will lose their importance.

censure in the Bundestag and The Solidarty-led Polish he believed it would be impos-growing pressure from War- Government does not ac- sible for a united Germany to remain in Nato and that a new European security zone was the only way forward.

This, along with his calls to control the influx of East German refugees, is an increasingly popular platform, which could sweep the CDU

Poland denies unity fears

> Bonn (AFP) - Poland has no territorial ambitions, is not seeking to review its frontiers, and will not discuss its borders with any other nation, Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish Prime Minister, has said. In an interview appearing in today's editions of the West German daily Die Welt, Mr Mazowiecki said Warsaw did not fear the remaification of Germany, if it came about in a process which did not disturb the European equilibrium and led to a new European security.

and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), from power.

It was the Free Democrats' desertion of the Social Democrats in 1982 which brought Herr Kohl to power, and the small liberal party, despite recent denials, is probably not above switching back again if need be, both to remain in government and to keep its

German Chancellor, its facing campaigners for German a mauling from within his rights having paint thrown at coalition Government, strong their homes.

Herr Lafontaine said in a requisition of their homes.

The Solidate had Build and the second of the recommendation of the recommendati the coalition Cabinet by Herr

Genscher, who has become in- of German nationalism. Herr Genscher believes that creasingly irritated with the Chancellor's legalistic attempt to defer giving a categoric rights over Germany - Briguarantee about the border until there is reunification. On the opposition side, the

Herr Kohl's latest position as "adventurous and irresponsible", and the SPD is seeking

cellor's Achilles' heel and Herr

to portray the Chancellor as a latent nationalist. Before the Bundestag deate, however, the Foreign Minister will raise the matter at the regular meeting of the committee which thrashes out coalition policy with the Chancellor's CDU and the

Not only will he attack the link with a new waiver on reparations, but he will point out that Herr Kohl's other a Polish attempt to build an cultural rights to ethnic Germans in Poland, has already been satisfied through an agreement signed in Warsaw

last November. As far as Herr Genscher is concerned, the new conditions analysts that Washington are no more than further wants Herr Kohl to win the delaying tactics by the Chancellor who, he believes, will not make a clear statement out of fear of losing domestic political support to the radical united, Germany out of Nato.

For months, Herr Genscher in the new, democratic Europe

the four powers with residual tain, the United States, the Soviet Union and France could delay or even block issue is seen as the Chan- unity without the guarantee. Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Hans-Jochen Vogel, leader of the Polish Prime Minister,

the SPD, is to raise it in a travels to France on Thursday Bundestag debate this week. and, diplomatic sources say, At the weekend, he damned may float the idea of an international conference of all neighbouring states to the future unified Germany. The Solidarity-led Govern-

ment regards this idea as a fallback position in case it fails to persuade Bonn to sign a border treaty with Poland. At best, a conference -probably held in Warsaw -

would remind the four powers and two Germanies that the neighbours' interests cannot be ignored. At worst, Bonn could understand the conference as

demand, for a treaty giving anti-German front in Europe. Poland's diplomats are thus treading carefully. The main Polish hope lies in driving a wedge beween the

Herr Genscher argues that

US and Bonn.

It has been plain to Polish But in each polling station. December general elections because it fears a government led by the Social Democrats would tug a united, or half-

laid on the party.

when they are being conned. But Boris, an elderly transport driver, was less cynical.

Buffet politics tempts Kiev's cynical voters

polling station 17 of voting know that the party apparate fewer than 32 opponents, district six in the heavily no longer protects their in-several Communists and sevconsisted Darnitsva area of Kiev. A musician, he said sarcastically: "If they did not provide food, no one would turn out-to vote."

Behind him stood the usual and headscarves, carrying shopping bags, that can be seen waiting outside any food shop in the Soviet Union. It seems extra sad that here, in the capital of Ukraine, which grows more than a quarter of the nation's food, there should still be shortages.

The women were standing at the rear of a dingy shop next to the polling station. Having turned up to cast their votes for the Ukrainian parliament Kiev city council, and local district council, the women had followed an arrowed sign saying "buffet". Along the corridor and out into the weather. No buffet there, just another food queue.

There were buffets, quite lavish ones, at two other polling stations visited at random. In the village of Zhulyani outside Kiev, 80 per cent of the voters had already polled by noon, many of them then taking away whole cheeses, beer and boxes of chocolate éclairs.

oters had to walk past the familiar icons of Soviet power - busts of Lenin, banners and slogans proclaiming the glories of communism, gashed through with a preponderance of deepest red paint. Hard to think that the party had not

But that is one of the key issues. Most people know full well it is the Communists and their ramshackle political and economic system that are responsible for the shortages. Like Konstantin, they know

Conceding that the food was

Konstantin turned and shuf- bought a pie himself - Boris aged 40, an engineer. fled, trying to keep warm in believed the people had come the icy wind gusting outside out meaning business. "They to the parliament against no

food shortages." Up bounced Viadimir, aged 20, clad in tracksuit. He says his party is rapidly splitrefused a cigarette - "sportsqueue of women in overcoats man", he explained, and a member of the Communist Youth. Would he say for whom of the 12 candidates on

offer he would vote? "Of course. I will vote for Ivashko." Why? Vladimir's line was clear. "My mother is a deputy on the city council. She told me to."

Ukrainian Communist Party boss. Last year he replaced the hardline Brezhnevite. Vladi-

Moscow (Renter) - Mr Viktor Karpov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, told Prarda that America intends to use its technological advantage to hide information obtained from "Open Skies" flights over the East bloc. "The US wants to use its technological advantages to obtain information it doesn't want to share with anybody . . . There should be genuine openness," he said. Leading article, page 13

mir Shcherbitsky, who died last month after leading probably the toughest of all the party machines in the Soviet republics,
Mr Ivashko leads what is

still one of the most conservative sections of the party. In last month's Central Committee plenum, televised and widely reported, member after member attacked the new climate of liberalism and reform and the activities of democratic groups. It was easy here to understand just how heavy is Mr Gorbachov's burden in trying to overhaul the Soviet system.

But the Úkrainian party is not simply a solid body of resistance to change. A district party secretary in Pechersky indeed welcome - he had district is Mr Valeri Lukanov, Saturday.

terests. They are voting on eral more Ukrainian natio bigger questions than just the lists. Leading Communist or not, he believes in a multiparty system for Ukraine. He ting into factions.

He identifies new democrats, radical reformers and those who follow Mr Gorbachov but, like the Soviet President, are now lagging behind the radicals. Then there are conservatives and the kind of arch-conservatives who were heard at the plenum. Mr Lukanov said: "If I

Mr Vladimir Ivashko is the thought these were the views that were going to prevail, I would leave the party without hesitation." The Communists virtual

monopoly of the printing trade has made it difficult for campaigners to produce leaflets. These tend to be rough, typed affairs stuck to billboards. Passers-by scrawl comments like "Don't vote for him, he's a yes-man', "Vote for our factory director" and "Better a professional worker than a professional apparatchik. The hopes of many voters

who want to be rid of traditional Communist power are pinned on the Ukrainian national movement, Rukh. It has a huge following among the republic's 50 million people. VILNIUS: Second-round elections were held yesterday for most of the remaining seats in the Lithuanian Stpreme Soviet (Anatol Lieven writes). Sajudis, the Lithua-nian nationalist movement, is expected to win most of the seats, but may fall short of the two-thirds majority it would need to introduce constitutional change

Ninety seats were filled by the elections on February In 45, no candidate gained the necessary absolute majority. 28 of these went to the polis yesterday, and the rest will vote between Wednesday and

Hurd urges EC talks on united Germany



Mr Hurd: Unity poses many

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday called on the European Community to begin immediate discussions on the consequences of German reunification to enable Europe to offer a "warm and confident welcome" to a united Germany.

He said German reunification would pose challenges to the Community in many areas — environmental, agri-cultural, industrial and budgetary — but these should not delay the process. The Twelve had now to begin discussing the progressive integration of East Germany, so that preparations were well in hand in time for the special EC summit on reunification in April.

Mr Hurd's remarks to the British Conservative Association in Belgium came as coalition leaders in Bonn

engaged in intensive efforts to plan the future policy of a united Germany towards the Community and to reassure

Germany's nervous allies that Bonn had not lost any of its enthusiasm for European integration. Officials acknowledge that reunifica-tion, and particularly German monetary

union, are now preoccupying Bonn, but they sharply reject accusations that the Government has turned its back on its European partners. They insist the Community is still West Germany's political home, that the commitment to European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) remains as strong as before, and that there is no question of a

greater Germany wanting to go it alone. "We want a European Germany and not a German Europe," Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, told fellow EC ministers in Dublin recently, and this quotation from the

writer Thomas Mann has become a leitmotiv in all discussion of relations with the EC.

The main area of possible conflict with EC commitments is monetary union. Negotiating teams are working overtime to ensure that inter-German talks run parallel to EMU, neither holding up the plans agreed at Strasbourg nor undermining them with a Deutschmark that fluctuates wildly.

So far only preliminary meetings have been held with the East Germans. Until the elections on Sunday week, all plans are vague, as the Finance Ministry still does not have a complete statistical picture of the East German economy. Bonn recognizes that its partners have

a vital interest in the outcome; the D mark is the pillar of the European Monetary System, and the Bundesbank the de facto central bank of the

Troops ring Uzbek riot city

Moscow (AP) — Interior security forces reportedly sealed off a city in Uzbekistan yesterday after clashes with demonstrators. Officials said that at least one soldier had been

Mr Yadigar Abidov, a spokesman for Berlik, the Uzbekistan grassroots organization, said about 30 demonstrators died in the clashes in the city of Parkent and said two Communist Party officials were stoned to death by

The reported deaths of the demonstrators could not be confirmed, and authorities denied that the Communist officials were

killed. Mr Abidov also said soldiers had surrounded Parkent, about 30 miles from Tashkent, the republic's capital, and would not let residents out or visitors into the

Mr Grigory Kuplin, a spokesman for the Soviet Interior Ministry in Moscow, said at least one soldier had died in a clash between demonstrators and Interior Ministry troops of Saturday in Parkent. He said he had to information on other dead or wounded. The Uzbekistan Interior Ministry and other office sources contacted in Tashkent refused in comment on the violence. One national newspaper printed a small report yesterday.

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CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

New officialdom slow to dispel legacy of Ceausescu's tyranny

Romania revolution fails to touch lives of the Hungarian minority

18 War awarded the area to

In the dank village church of the way the Front has kept population here, there is argu- the Romanians claim that the days ago by Radio Budapest million ethnic Hungarians find their only formal

Each morning here and in other villages in the Barat and Transylvania, young Hungarians, school books resting on pews, attempt to master the Magyar culture that Nicolae Ceausescu did his best to

Despite the mild winter the church is cold. Many schoolgirls keep their costs on. The pastor has exchanged his religious dress for a baggy sweater and - a present from relatives in Budapest - a pair of blue jeans.

Pastor Lazlofis sceptical of the promises the National Salvation Front in Bucharest has made to the Hungarian minority here. "It was a Hungarian, Lazlo Tokes, who started this revolution, but in Bucharest they still deny us

In Broos - or Szaszvaros as the Hungarians call the place

personnel in place for dealing with ethnic Hungarian questions. "The old romanization policy of Ceausescu continues," the pastor said.

Mr Gyorgy Szabo, a student at nearby Clui, said; "The minister in charge of our education is the same man Ceausescu employed for years.. Everywhere, if we want a passport, if we want a job, we are up against the same buteaucracy and hostility."

Last week's decision by the Government to ben the import of Hungarian school-books has only fuelled this resentment. Unlike the Germans who live in Romania the Magyars are determined to remain in the land they see as the cradle of Hungarian culture. Not only were Hungary's finest poets born in could be a prosperous Transylvania, but most Magain," Mr Szabo said. yars consider the Hungarian The Magyars wear spoken here to be the purest in

but though they never - there is deep resentment at formed the majority of the

Broos, some of Romania two virtually the same Romanian ably nothing which arouses Hungarians ultimate aim is to was "completely untrue". the Hungarian people's sense of injustice more than the to Hungary. clause of the Treaty of Trianon, which after the 1914-

> Romania. "The Romanians never deserved this land. They Bucharest (Reuter) - Major-General Gica Popa, aged 57, the military judge who con-demned Nicolae Ceansesca, to death, lived in terror for two friends said yesterday. There is scepticism in Romania that disputed by Romanian econo-

have always made a mess of it. They only got it by fighting against the Germans for two weeks. Under Hungary this could be a prosperous place

Popa killed himself.

The Magyars wear their resentment heavily on their sleeves. They find it difficult to disguise their contempt for the Romanians. For their part.

join Transylvania once again

"The fact is the Hungarians ruled abominably when they were here, forcing everyone to learn their absurd language. They never were the majority and never will be, but they seem determined to remain hostile," Dr Dan Cornescu, a university professor, said. The Hungarians certainly believe that they would be better off were they a part of Hungary or at least following Hungary's economic reforms. But this is

capita debt in Eastern Europe, is no example for anyone. • PETEA: Romanian customs officials at this frontier post on the Hungarian-Roma-nian border laughed out loud at the suggestion that they had been ordered to prevent Hungarian school books entering the country (Tim Judah writes). They said the

story which was reported 10

mists, who point out that

Hungary, with the highest per

"We heard about this story"

said Mr Ionut Marcu, aged 28, of the Romanian customs service, "but it is just not true." Hungarian customs officials confirmed this. Mr Marcu then showed this reporter, who had arrived without prior warning the room where all confiscated items

There were several books in both German and Hungarian. Almost all of these dated from before 1950 and many from before 1914. Mr Marca said: "Our instructions are to prevent antiquities and books dating from before 1950 going out of the country unless they have a permit from the local museum saying they are not of historical value."

Among other goods in the room was one Hungarian children's storybook, one Hungarian religious book and a Hungarian guidebook to Translyvania, Mr Marcu ex-plained that these had been seized before the revolution.



A labourer with his hands over the eyes of a 30st-high statue of Leain in Bucharest amid efforts to remove it yesterday. The statue, which has defied demolition, may have to be blown up.

Mandela seeks to quell white fears on future

From Jan Ruth, Harare

went to great lengths to re said. The ANC was aiming at assure South African whites, promising that under a gor- antees the erument of the African Nit- citizens". ional Congress, they would be able to run their own schools and maintain their cultural

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On his first official mission president by the movement's hierarchy in Lusaka las week, Mr Mandela told a sally of about 30,000 people in the Zimbabwean capital where he arrived for a three-day visit: 'We are sincere in saying ... in South Africa. that whites will not have to

cater to the aspirations of all South Africans. We declare that the common sovernii so. What more would be party), and it's working very wanted to show our good well," be said, referring to the

intentions?" He went on to reassure South African whites that Mugabe's party and the oppo"just as whites in Zimbabwe, sition Zapu party of Mr in Namibia, have no reason to fear, even in our country by the Ndebele-speaking we propose to form the same policy', a reference to President Mugabe's policy of turously received with deafuing to farm prosperously and saluted by service chiefs.
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outside the country. seen as the most conciliatory met at a gathering of African he has made yet to South Africa's five million whites, their reconstituted and the second second

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years ago. He said he was "very much concerned" about the divisions among black South African political organizations

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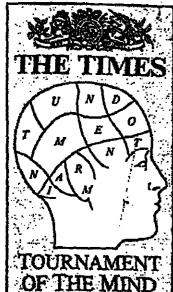
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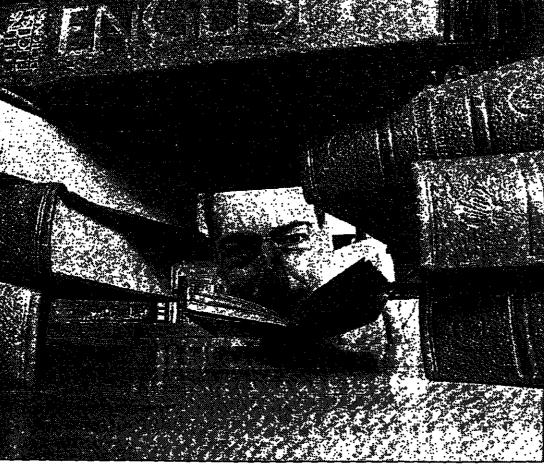
ince Christmas, the switchboard at The Times has been fielding calls from readers inquiring about the dates of the Tournament of the Mind in order

to arrange their holidays around it. The contest has become an annual "must" for puzzle enthusiasts in homes, schools and work places where people relish a daily challenge to their intellect.

It has attracted entrants from Australia, Moscow, New York and Rome. One woman wrote in to say she had not believed anything could stop her watching television on Easter Monday until she grappled with last year's

Mr Harold Gale, executive director of British Mensa, the society for people with high IQs, has spent the past few weeks, with the help of his Apricot Xen computer, working out ways to test Britain's cleverest minds. He predicts that about four questions could cause trouble this year.

"In one or two cases, contestants will think they have the



Winning smiles: left, last year's champion, Andrew Johnston, at home in Cheshire — still elated a year later, and determined to defend his title; right, the prizewinning school team from Madras College, St Andrews

answer when they have not. One question will seem difficult or impossible but in fact it is a walk-

Mensa, which allows only the Encyclopaedia Britannica and Collins English Dictionary as its two reference books, is anxious to avoid the log jam of calls to its headquarters in Wolverhampton, West Midlands, which brought business to a virtual halt during the Tournament for the past two years. This year, the rules state clearly that telephone queries will not be accepted by Mensa or The

On the plus side, the society can bardly complain. Mensa has gained 7,910 new members directly from the two previous tournaments, contributing to a erowth in membership from

13,052 in 1976 to 29,100 this year. Mr Gale says the questions are easier this year and, as with crosswords, he advises puzzle solvers to try to understand the mind behind the questions in order to discover the quickest route to the solution.

A useful clue to the workings of his own mind could be spotted in his description of a recent domestic crisis at his home in the Midlands. Without warning, all the lights went out in his house and his fuse box trip switch flicked off. "I immediately asked myself why I bought that thing to heat my

colour-developer, even though it

had been working perfectly for 45 minutes and I had no reason to suspect it. I jumped to a conclusion, which turned out to be correct, because I had not used the heater before. The other way would be to switch off all the lights in the house, pull all the plugs out and

larly, if my car broke down, I would check the petrol level first." He attributes this to lateral thinking, which, he says, is useful in solving the "kick-self" puzzles scattered through the Tour-nament. "When you get the answer you kick yourself. Anyone who can think laterally could walk over the Tournament. But you do not have to be a lateral-thinker to

test each one, one by one. Simi-

do it. There is also a lot to be said for the plodding approach."

For the first time this year, a play-off individual final under exam conditions, and against the clock, will follow the final in the paper. The top 10 scorers, or all scorers of 250 points from the published final five rounds, will be invited to the contest at a London hotel on May 14.

hey will be allowed to use a calculator and the Collins dictionary but not a computer or any other reference books. The papers will be marked immediately and the winner of The Times Tournament of the Mind will be announced that day. "It will be a test of brain power,

not a test of whether you can look it all up in time," Mr Gale says. Some competitors, however, trusting not to their own brain power, have spent the months leading up to the Tournament preparing computer programmes to solve the puzzles, even though the most sophisticated aid used by

last year's winner, Mr Andrew Johnston, was a solar-powered calculator. Mr Johnston, aged 38, a consultant employed by the Manchester-based company Insight Executive Search and Recruitment, which specializes in job opportunities in the computer industry, says he is still elated

about the win one year later. He

pledged to defend his title.

"Winning was not like a pools win, in that I did not suddenly become very rich. But it gave me a pleasant buzz. I am in a mercenary business. Recruitment is the selfing of bodies. My confidence in this has improved because I think my own marketability has im-proved. Winning *The Times* Tournament of the Mind is not a thing I would put on my curriculum vitae. But inwardly my perception of myself has improved, and that has helped me to achieve better what I want."

One reader likened the questions to matchsticks and mountains. "I seemed to leap over the mountains but I tripped up at the matchsticks."

The matchstick which felled most last year sneaked in at Round 16: "Where is the sea where a 101/2-stone person would weigh just under four stone?"

Many scrolled through memories of religious studies and guessed the Dead Sea, thus losing four points.

But no question baffled contestants quite so effectively as: "Who wrote Music for Supermarkets?" in the first year, which prompted offerings such as Chopin-Liszt, T. Esco and Ivor Trolley. In this case the answer was less imaginative, but more likely - Jean-Michel Jarre.

Although a 14-year-old boy reached the individual final last year, most teenagers who entered were members of school teams. Tim Jupp, now aged 15, a pupil from the winning school, Madras College in St Andrews, Fife, said: Some problems were dressed up in a lot of waffle. If you can take the waffle off and look at the bones, you are away.
"I will not pretend I enjoyed

doing this competition. It was a lot

of work and I am averse to work. I did it because I knew I would be pleased I had done it afterwards." Another of his team-mates, Edmund Brumfitt, also 15, said: Some of the logic and verbal questions were easy, but general knowledge was extremely difficult

in some cases. "I think I now have a better awareness of my surroundings and go about things in a more scien-

tific way." But for anyone who, after almost 12 months, is still looking for that easy way to lose six-and-ahalf stones, the answer lies not in a trip to the west bank of Jordan, but on Mars

TOMORROW

The rules explained, and Round One of the questions: the first step towards a

£5,000 prize

Who is muddying the sea waters?

While Government ministers deflect the blame for North Sea pollution on to West Germany, British companies are

still being allowed to dump their chemical waste at sea

Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment. has indicated that he intends to make a robust defence of Britain's record concerning North Sea pollution at a two-day conference in The Hague this week. He is expected to confirm that Britain is to discontinue the practice of dumping sewage sludge at sea, and he will ask countries such as West Germany to control the amounts of poisonous effluent which flow from rivers including the Rhine and the Weser.

The Government is said to be furious at the insinuation from European partners that Britain is the worst polluter of the North Sea. However, the British position is weakened by the fact that some chemical companies are still using the North Sea as a dumping ground for waste, despite an agreement made in 1987 that all countries should end the practice by the end of last year. It is now apparent that it may be 1993 - or even beyond before Britain stops disposing QÍ WASIC AI SEA.

Towards the end of February, with the meeting at The Hague looming, the Ministry of Agriculture, which licenses

dumping, announced a dead-line. The Minister, Mr John Gummer, told the Commons: "I am very glad to be able to announce that we intend that none of these wastes will continue to be dumped at sea after the end of 1992."

An apparently straightforward commitment, and only three years late. But Mr Gummer moved straight on into the bowevers: "In two technically feasible to meet absolutely necessary . . .

What he did not add was that these two exceptions represented 78 per cent of the dumping going on today. In effect, he was giving notice that as far as the bulk of the operation was concerned, late, or as much longer as it

The larger of the two re-Billingham on Teesside, which manufactures the basic material for ICT's £250 million acrylic and Perspex operations. About three times a stocks and their livelihoods." week, a barge sails out of the

plant and dumps its 1,000-ton liquid cargo while circling in a designated zone about nine miles off the river mouth.

The other operation involves Sterling Organics, whose plant at Dudley, just outside Newcastle upon Tyne, manufactures the pain-killing drug, paracetamol. The pro-cess leaves as waste about 250 tons annually of the drug's raw material, para-aminophenol. cases, however, it might not be Mixed with 40,000 tons of water, it is loaded into road this deadline. We will extend tankers, transferred to a vessel the licences for these two last on the Tyne, and dumped wastes into 1993 only if offshore in the same way as ICI's wastes. The quantities involved are smaller, but unlike the ICI waste, the chemical is known to be toxic at high

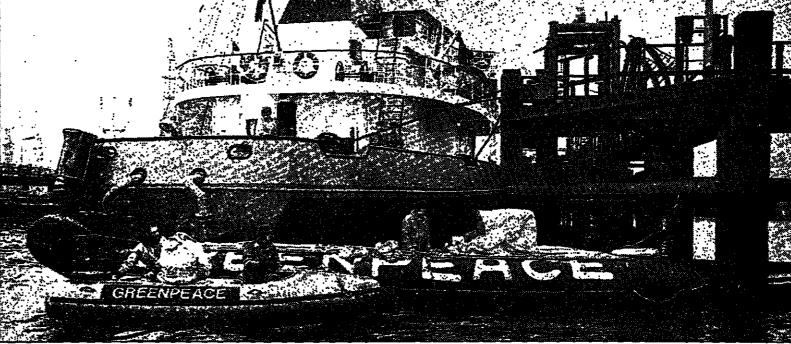
concentrations.

Ministry of Agriculture scientists monitor both operations, and report that they are scientifically," Mr Alian carried out in ways which Clements, works manager at tions, and report that they are Britain would be three years carried out in ways which avoid environmental hazards. But Mr Paul Horsman, a campaigner in Greenpeace's prieved operations involves toxicity unit, claims that the the chemicals giant ICL, which ministry's testing is superficial dumps 165,000 tons of ammo- and involves too few species nium sulphate every year of marine life. "At the mofrom its Cassel plant at ment no harmful effects have been proved, though fishermen working off the coast would certainly argue that pollution is damaging fish

issue was treated with an air of injured innocence. ICI, which recently announced record group profits of more than £1.5 billion, sets great store by its reputation for sensitivity to green issues, and is plainly

"I still feel that sea disposal catalyst in our process."

At both plants last week, the MAJOR PUBLIC AUCTION



Carry on dumping? Greenpeace protesters block the barge Rosemarie S at Rotterdam in 1984, before the vessel was sold to Effluents Services for use by ICI

uncomfortable about being cast as an environmental vil-lain in the North Sea.

the Cassel plant, says. "But we are mindful of society's views. and we are already clearing the site for a £30 million plant which will turn all the waste back into sulphuric acid, which we can use again as a ICI is anxious to reject the suggestion that Britain has

failed to meet its treaty deadline because of any dragging of feet on ICI's part. Mr Clements stresses that the sea dumping was started 10 years ago on ICI's initiative, as a step to reducing pollution in the River Tees. Staff from ICT's research laboratory in Brixham regularly monitor marine life on the sea-bed where the chemical is discharged, and have detected no harmful effects. In 1988 a plant was built which converts nearly half the plant's present output of waste into agri-

cultural fertilizer. *The 1987 Declaration dealt with harmful wastes, and allowed latitude for the find-

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ing of alternative ways of We expect the system to cost disposal. We would still maintain that our sea disposal is harmless, on the evidence," Mr Clements says. "Now the pressure is for an immediate end to sea disposal altogether. In the last resort, a company like ours is engaged in creating wealth, and society must judge its priorities about how that wealth is used. Some people around Teesside might have preferred to see a hospital instead, but there you are."

terling Organics is a smaller company than ICI, with fewer resources to bring to bear on a technical problem. ICI has a team of 200 designers and engineers working on its proposed plant. At Dudley, a six-man task force was set up in 1987 to test possible systems for landbased disposal of the waste.

"We have narrowed the options down to two," says Dr Bill Riddell, environmental controller at Dudley. "One is a biological system, in which bacteria would break down the waste liquors to give us something that can be discharged at a sewage works. The other is wet-air oxidation, under heat and pressure, But there is no magic wand we can wave to build a treatment plant overnight."

Since Mr Gummer's statement, Sterling Organics and ICI have both apparently discovered that their earlier predictions of 1995 as a date for stopping sea dumping can safely be brought forward to 1993. "Events have overtaken us," says Mr David Raynor, production director at Dudley. "There are a number of hurdles to get over, but we

have made the commitment.

about £5 million to set up.

"If perchance we cannot manage it in time at an acceptable cost, and our licence for sea disposal is taken away, then I think we would have to get out of manufacturing paracetamol. If we were to withdraw, I don't think we would ever get back into that market again. "That would directly affect

the jobs of 130 of the 520 workers we have here. But losing a third of our business would affect the viability of the whole site. We are the only British manufacturer of paracetamol, so if we closed it would worsen the trade balance by £16 million a year." As for ICI, it has no fewer

than 1,400 workers in Britain directly involved in its acrylic business, which has an annual turnover of £250 million and earns exports of £100 million.

"If we had set out in the mid-Eighties to end sea disposal, we might well have a plant by now." Allan Clements says. "We are trying to bring forward our plans to meet changed requirements. But the goal posts have

In the last resort, companies know that fears about lost jobs and trade make ministers unwilling to use their ultimate power to withdraw operating licences. Official deadlines can be firmly enforced only if they are realistic, and the companies involved understand from the start what is expected of them. Arguably, Mr Patten is in the doghouse at The Hague this week because his predecessors in 1987 failed to observe these rules.

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or nine hours on Saturday, under the auspices of Peter Gill at the National Theatre Studio in London, a possibly unprecedented assembly of 100 actors, directors, critics, arts editors and theatre publicists discussed the way the British theatre is reported by the media. It was a predictably, if amiably, quarrelsome occa-sion, with playwrights demanding kinder reviews, drama critics demanding more time in which to write them, television reporters desiring better backstage access, and regional theatre managers hoping for more national press coverage.

Nicholas Hytner blamed a critic for personally causing the collapse of Kent Opera; Jane Lapotaire wondered whether any critic had ever been able to distinguish between a good actor in a bad play and a bad actor in a good one. Several dramatists thought that at a time of subsidy cuts, critics should be fighting Mrs Thatcher rather than them, and one recalled a graffito at the Royal Court which read: "John Whiting did not die of sensor, he died of perfect." not die of cancer, he died of neglect."

But the quote I most remember is one originating with Arthur Miller: "The only thing worth talking about is subsidy. Without that, you will collapse, like Broadway, where there is no theatre, only shows."

wards juries are intelligent and right in exactly the extent to which they agree with you. I had just decided, on the evidence of yesterday's Olivier nominations, that this year's judges were a group of tone-deaf idiots for totally overlooking Andrew Lloyd Webber's Aspects of Love, his most adult and entrancing musical to date, when, reading on, I saw that the very same judges had wisely nominated Patricia Hodge from Noel and Gertie, the musical I have devised at the Comedy, as actress of the year. Now all I have to do is to locate Gertrude Lawrence's daughter, for whom I have been searching since the show opened, to tell her that her late mother is at last and by proxy on the way to an award. I know she is somewhere in America; can someone please tell me her precise address?

s Miss Saigon continues to sell out at A Drury Lane, having Just Wo more Olivier nominations and two more Drury Lane, having just won five awards - from the Critics Circle - I hear that it is to open on Broadway exactly a year from now. The theatre will be the Broadway itself, the production costs will reach \$10 million, making it the most expensive show in American theatre history, and ticket prices will reflect that fact with a record \$100 maximum. That, however, is still rather less than half what New Yorkers are currently prepared to pay on the black market for Phantom of the Opera.

Talking of which, as Sarah Brightman concludes a sold-out and spectacular week in concert at the London Palladium, the word is that work will start soon on a *Phantom* film, with Lloyd Webber as producer and Michael Crawford and Miss Brightman back in their original stage roles. The director will be Joel Schumacher, best known over here for a strange variation on Peter Pan called The Lost Boys, which played to some critical success a few months ago on the art-house circuit.



Me too. Stayed up all day to listen

enguin has enough problems over The Satanic Verses, and I have no wish to add to them. I do, however, have a little local difficulty. A year or so ago, it was kind enough to republish a biography of Elizabeth Taylor I had originally written for Colin Webb at Pavilion. Penguin recently wrote to announce that the book was rapidly going out of print and it had only a few copies left. These, it said, I could have at a knockdown price of £1 per copy, how many would I like? I wrote back asking for three

Returning home on Friday, I found 300 copies of the book stacked neatly in my flat because of what will doubtless be described as a delivery-computer error. I live, as it happens, in a very small flat behind Madame Tussaud's. Three hundred conies of a paperback about Elizabeth Taylor occupy not just the hall and kitchen, but most of the bedroom and bathroom as well. If anyone has any tasteful suggestions as to If anyone has any tasteful suggestions as to what I might do with them, or would like to purchase 297 copies of a classic of its kind, establish the need and then he we could quickly come to an arrange

Tor politicians. This is partly because so much of the debate on the environ-

reen issues are difficult

ment is expert-led. Politicians are often reduced to trailing along behind the latest scientific report - warning of new dangers from global warming or the hole in the ozone layer - and promising rather lamely that they will react in some unspeci-fied way to its findings.

The real problem for poli-

ticians, however, is not so much a lack of expertise as that they are perceived as prisoners of ideologies which prevent them from tackling environmental concerns in a constructive way. For example, the Tories cannot make themselves sound convincing on green issues because they are so committed to market forces and the unfettered drive

for private profit.

The Labour Party likes to argue that it starts with the advantage of frankly inter-ventionist politics, and that it finds no more difficulty in intervening to protect the environment than to secure social justice. But we, too, are perceived as handicapped by our politics - in our case, by our role as a workers' party, more conGreening the people's flag

cerned with jobs and wages than with long-term threats to the

However, the Labour Party should not be so easily dismissed on this ground. The main task for those who want to see a greater priority given to environmental issues is to bring them into the mainstream of politics. It is here that Labour has an essential role to play.

Much of the campaigning on

environmental issues so far has sought to raise the level of eness and to warn that we cannot go on as we are. But then the message becomes somewhat confused; it seems not to go far beyond confronting the public with uncomfortable choices, without offering any real guid-ance as to how those choices are to be made and how their consequences are to be handled. The message from the en-vironmentalists is a stark one. If

global warming is to be avoided.

economic growth has to be halted. If greenhouse gases are to be reduced, the private motor car has to be restricted. If the countryside is to be protected, new housing development has to be abandoned.

Small wonder that an argument in these terms attracts little support from the majority of working people, who see in it unmistalable traces of Anthony Crosland's charge that the mid-dle classes are "pulling up the ladder behind them". Those who aiready have adequate incomes, large houses and gardens, and the convenience of private transport may well proselytize on behalf of the environment, but to the majority, global warming still seems a remote and diffuse problem compared to the struggle to find decent jobs, housing,

transport and pay packets.
So there are strict limits to the effectiveness of the current campaigning on green issues. These limits cannot be extended until a way can be found of engaging the majority and of carning their support for political action to protect the

That is where the Labour Party comes in, as the only political instrument that can interpret environmental concern to those whose interests seem to be most at risk if the environment is given priority. Unless that is done, green issues will remain a fringe concern.

The Labour Party is uniquely able to make two points to its supporters. First, the environment is not just a matter of comfortable, middle-class con-cern, epitomized by the "nimby" response to development. If the environment is at risk, it is the environment of ordinary people which is in the immediate front line, from pollution, from inadequate waste management, from litter and graffiti.

Ordinary people have most to lose, too, from the global problems. If a clean and safe environment becomes a commodity in increasingly short supply, the sillness and powerful will buy a disproportionate share of it, leaving those with little eco-nomic power to make do with what is left. This is a tough, clear warning that hard decisions must be made, and that it is in the interests of Labour voters

that they should be faced rather

than ducked. If they are over-

looked, our people will pay the

Labour's second important message for its supporters concerns the price to be paid. Those who perceive environmentalists as a threat to their jobs and living standards may be expected to respond to environmental concerns - even when it is their own environment which is directly affected - only if they are assured that they will not be

left to pay the price alone.

The Labour Party's raison d'irre is to protect the interests of ordinary people, and it offers the assurance that if a price has to be paid for protecting the environment, it will be shared fairly throughout society.

The price will often be a transitional one, as, for example, when a process becomes upeconomic as a consequence of pollution control, and jobs are lost as a result. Or it may bear most heavily on those with the least market power, at in the case of market mechanisms such as read-pricing. Only the Labour Party can promise with any credibility to belp people to meet these costs, through transition measures of support and job creation, and through redistrib-utive policies to ensure that the costs will be substantially met by

those best able to bear them. The Labour Party is serious about the environment. That is why we have a serious message for our supporters. Those who want to see greater protection for our environment will. I hope, wish us well in trying to get that message across. Our environment depends on it.
The author is Labour spokesman on the environment.

Anthony Daniels, just back from Cuba, reports on the growing Castro-induced hardship

Bryan Gould believes only Labour can convert-and protect

Havana's have-nots

lapse of the socialist bloc in Eastern Europe, and the defeat of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, Fidel Castro's Cuba finds itself more isolated than ever, both politically and economically. It has become a kind of tropical Albania.

In a recent speech iamenting the changes in Eastern Europe, Castro complained: "They are not exactly talking of the antiimperialist struggle or the principles of internationalism in the majority of these countries."

No, indeed they are not. Nor were they talking of them in Cuba when I was there recently. Shoes and trousers from the foreign currency shops loomed larger in most of the conversations I had with Cubans. Would I buy a pair on their behalf if they gave me their few crumpled but treasured dollars? Any size would do, so long as what I bought was not Cuban-made. Cubans, at any rate the ordinary people, are allowed neither to possess dollars (the penalties are drastic) nor to enter the foreign-currency shops. Yet notices that the majority of young people are dressed in imported clothes, and there is no other source but these shops, which only foreigners - residents and tourists - may enter. Since the goods in the shops are mainly cheap, shoddy im-

unlikely to appeal to foreigners, it is difficult to escape the conclusion that they are actually intended for the black market. Thus the demand for consumer goods is partially satisfied without having to make the damag-ing admission - damaging from the point of view of the official ideology — that such a demand exists in Castro's Cuba.

This is scarcely surprising in a society where almost everything is rationed and in short supply. When rationing was introduced 30 years ago, it was described as a temporary measure, but as Soviet ships fail to arrive and rations grow ever more slender, no one believes it. Apart from anything else, rationing provides a useful means of total political control. The very meals one eats - utterly monotonous and completely free of fresh vegetables are dependent upon one's political conformity. One does not buy beer, one applies for it to bureaucrats, with a sheaf of certificates and testimonials; it is available only on very special occasions, one bottle per guest. The state keeps its subjects in a

The economic situation can only get worse. Cuba's largest source of hard currency is from the sale of refined oil bought at concessionary rates from the Soviet Union as crude. As the Soviet Union's own economic difficulties have increased, its do not have the means to pay for



nerosity has declined. When you cannot buy soap in Moscow, it does not make sense to send oil

And for Cuba's main agricultural product, sugar, the outlook is grim. Sugar still accounts for 80 per cent of the country's total exports, more than a quarter of a century after the revolution that was supposed to diversify the economy. But if Cuba were to try to leave the Soviet Union's orbit, it would find no market for its principal export. The consumption of sugar in the United States has halved, thanks to artificial sweeteners, while production has import very little. The EC has transformed itself since the Cuban revolution into the second biggest exporter of sugar in the world. Japan is already supplied. and its consumption, too, is declining. Third World countries

imports, and in any case many are established producers, or are starting to grow sugar.

So the Soviet Union is Cuba's only real market, and when the present agreement between them runs out in 1991, Moscow, which has been paying well above the world price (admittedly largely in goods it cannot sell elsewhere), will be in a position to drive a much harder bargain. and Cuba will have to accept.

As for tobacco, which many people automatically associate with Cuba, it is in fact a minor export, and likely to remain so.

ourism is touted as a impasse, but if tourists are to be attracted en masse, services will have to improve drastically and waiters must learn not to treat customers as class enemies. Tourists are unlikely to travel thousands of as a student revolutionary, he miles for the sake of lukewarm remains incapable of expressing

rice and beans and cold showers, even in glorious surroundings. And the system of apartheid that separates foreigners from Cubans - there are policemen at the doors of tourist hotels to keep ordinary citizens out - will have to be ended. In any case, a nation of 10 million people cannot live

by tourism alone. Fidel Castro has painted his country into a corner, from which it will take decades to emerge. The problem derives from his adolescent egotism. After his success against a corrupt and brutal dictatorship early in his career - which gave a great fillip to his already wellhe has been denied the opportunity to mature by the syco-phancy with which he has

surrounded himself ever since. Now looking as much like a grizzled Old Testament prophet himself on any subject in less than two hours. At a recent lunch for distinguished foreigners, be spoke for seven hours, allowing the cabinet ministers and generals around him to speak only while he ate. One of his favourite themes for these harangues, incidentally, is the egotism of man under capitalism.

id Castro start out as a Marxist or become one when he realized it was the route to absolute power? The question will be debated for years to come. But he has certainly made the theory his own, down to its very nastiest aspects. Like his late companion in arms Che Guevara, he persuaded himself that man is not fully human until after the communist (i.e. his) revolution. "A socialist economy without communist moral values does not interest me." said Guevara, who spoke many times of the need to build or construct the New Man, as though humanity were made of Lego.

Is it any surprise, then, that Cubans are spied upon, harried, indoctrinated, forced to do "voluntary" work and turned into administrative units while the propriety of their own aspirations is denied? With an attitude to the past that treats everything that was not an antecedent of Castro's rule as a symptom of deprayity, is it to be wondered at that the city of Havana, once magnificent and beautiful (though louche and corrupt), has fallen into a state of disrepair?

The elections in Nicaragua will doubtless have reinforced Castro's prejudice against electoral politics. His snobbish disdain for commerce and material self-interest is unchanged. He has led his country up a blind alley, and his people will have to pay the price for his egotism for many years to come, whether he

Anthony Daniels' book on Guatemala, Sweet Waist of America, was published recently by

When some needs are less equal than others

Raymond Plant questions social security based on financial limits

A fter last month's High Court ruling that the Government's guidelines covering the Social Fund were defective, Michael Meacher. Labour's spokesman, claimed that a hole had been blown through Conservative social sec-

urity policy. Payments under the Social Fund are made to the poorest members of society to meet absolutely basic needs. How-ever, the Fund is cash limited, and herein lies the problem. In the three cases which went to the High Court, Social Fund officers refused loans not because the claimants' needs were not great enough, but because they thought their local office had run out of money. These cases raise profound questions about wel-

fare policy generally.

Under the previous system, grants rather than loans were funded out of the general social security budget, and if needs were identified they could normally be met. This is no longer has to consider the case against the background of the specific budget constraint on the Fund. However, the judges saw an incompatibility between these

As they say in their judgment: "The problem from the Secretary of State's view is that while intending to have a flexible scheme to meet exceptional needs, which involved officers using their own judgements in the application of discretion to each case according to its particular circumstances, at the same time he imposed budgetary restraints in mandatory terms which were inconsistent with the intended flexible nature of the

two features.

This means that of two people found to be in the same degree of need, one would be funded while the other was not, because the budget had by that time been exhausted. A basic rule of law is that like cases should be treated in like manner, and indeed Social Fund officers are required to act fairly in relation to all applicants. However, this is

difficult to reconcile with the inherently mandatory nature of a cash limit set by a Secretary of

I have been rather surprised that comment on the case has so far come only from the left because the issues raised go to the heart of the objections by the radical right to state welfare. First of all it does not much like the language of needs. One freemarket economist is supposed to have said once that a need is a want that you are not prepared to pay for, and behind this quip lies a more fundamental point.

Needs are identified by pro-fessionals: Social Fund officers, social workers, doctors and, in the case of children at school, by teachers and educational psy-chologists. This means that if the state is committed to meeting such professionally identified needs, its obligation becomes open-ended because of the clastic nature of needs and the autonomy of professional judgement. Hence, public expenditure

deed happened under the grants

The only constraint which can be put on this inexorable increase is to require professionals to link their identification of needs with the overall budget available for meeting them. A number of Conservative reforms, not only in welfare, are intended to bring budgetary considerations more directly to bear on the professional at the sharp end, whether it be the Social Fund officer, the head teacher, the GP or the consultant. However, this is bound to mean that like cases cannot be treated in like manner because, as the judges were told, one person may be denied help simply because the money isn't there. This was less clear in the past because specific services were not cash limited and cross subsidy could take place.

system which preceded the Social Fund. (This also involved an appeal procedure, with a near 50 per cent success rate.)

From the free marketeer's point of view this means that

with the rule of law, and welfare professionals have to act in arbitrary and discretionary ways. Thus they find the Social Fund deeply objectionable and think the funding of such special needs should be left to charity. Unlike the state, charities are dis-cretionary and are not required

to follow the principle that like cases should be treated in like manner. On this view, health and educational services should be privatized and individuals, after defining their own needs, should take out insurance at an appropriate level or pay the necessary fees. Again, a market system does not require the principle of treating like cases in like manner.

However, for those who reject this analysis, the issues arise implicitly in all those areas of the welfare state in which strict budgetary limits are prescribed. If the funds available to a doctor or a consultant are cash limited he may well be in the position of identifying the same needs in

two patients but be compelled to treat them differently because funds have run out once he gets to treat the second.

Again the same problem arises. The professional identifies the same needs, but has to treat them differently because of budget constraints. The Health Service reforms are likely to lead to exactly the same issues of

principle as the Social Fund. This leads me back to Michael Meacher's point. Does his comment imply that the Labour Party would meet all needs professionally identified and not impose cash limits on welfare services? That seems unlikely. What has to be done to make the Labour Party position cogent is to say that certain kinds of needs - those of an urgent or exceptional nature, whether these are to do with health, poverty or education - will not be cash limited. Drawing the line is very difficult, but if it is not drawn then the Labour Party's ideas about welfare will be no more compatible with the rule of law than the Conservatives'. The author is Professor of Politics at Southampton University.

I have been working on the opening chapters of my new book, The Market Harborough Regime. The idea for this scholarly volume was sparked off by receipt of a publication that reached me just before a postal strike put an end to mail in my part of London: The Eskimo Diet by Dr Reg Saynor and Dr Frank Ryan, embargoed until last week-end, else I would have mentioned

The Sheffield-based doctors discovered that though Eskimos are 50 per cent carnivorous and consume great quantities of fatty blubber (which are some of the reasons why I did not become an Eskimo), heart disease, which kills 200,000 Britons per annum, is virtually unknown to them This, argue the authors, is because they eat fish: Omega 3 fatty acids in fish oil help to lower blood levels and offer protection against furred arteries by thinning south Leicestershire town and

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the blood and thereby making it less likely to clot. It is fuller, safer lives. As you might guess, my findings are less likely to thrill than are the

this fine example of healthy living and tell us how to eat our way to health. Ebury Press, £5.99.

It was then that it occurred to me that the incidence of Market Harborough people being asphyx-iated in igloos is nil. Records fail to show a single citizen of MH savaged by huskies, sustaining damage to life or limb by falling beneath the runners of a sledge, or getting poisoned by pernmican. My book, which will be unembargoed, urges the denizens of Greenland, northern Canada,

Siberia and Alaska to embrace the

hifestyle of the good people of the

doctors', for the Eskimo literary market is insignificant while we in more southerly climes purchase all the health books on which we can lay our hands. What is certain is an upsurge in the sale of cod liver oil capsules and increased public awareness of the benefits of consuming oily

fish. Although farmed salmon is now available at Billingsgate market for under £2.50 a lb—and coming down—it is actually necessary for the great British public to be persuaded to ear fish. The many fish and chip parlours' that have become Oxfam shops and Chinese takeaways will soon



FREUD

reopen as health centres, while Labour, whose policies these days enjoy a new elasticity, are toying with the introduction of fried fish on NHS prescription.

Returning to London from Mollington point-to-point on Sat-

off Lisson Grove, and thought thinner blood might be the very thing on a cold March evening. especially as my wad of £20 notes had been thinned earlier in the afternoon at the races. There was a queue, it was short, and I joined it. No fuss. No bookings. No credit cards taken. A woman asked whether I would mind sharing a table in the no-smoking area and within minutes of arrival I was seated. First-course choices included fishcake £1.35; side dishes listed pickled cucumber 50p; for my main course I ordered fillet of haddock with chips or mashed potatoes £6.50; peas were 50p. I splurged. Around me were people of

urday, I passed The Seashell, just

were in their eighties but looked older. A goodly number of them had brought their grandchildren; at the next table sat a blind man with a seeing-eye dog at his feet. A couple who had been asked to share his table shouted "How's your dog?" And the blind man answered quietly that the dog was well. The woman then leaned down and asked the dog how he had found this place. The dog looked embarrassed.

The fishcake arrived, the shape of a baseball fried in breadcrumbs. I identified the potato content and the presence of paraley, would not have put any money on fish being a constituent part. Haddock was a fine speci-

men, large and white and boneless, surrounded by crisp batter that would have benefited from salt and vinegar in its con-

The chips were deeply disappointing, the peas tinned and dull, basins of tomato ketchup and tartar sauce were good. There was a home-made trifle on the menu. I ordered it. That was a mistake, but the bill was insignificant, the service friendly and efficient, the wine acceptable at £5.90 a bottle, and I liked the people with whom I shared my

asked to make The Scashell more desirable might suggest that when serving mashed potatoes they do not place two minuscule, foilwrapped packets of Anchor but-ter on the bowl, rather by the side. As I left, the queue of people wanting a fish fix stretched 15 yards down the street. 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone: 01-782 5000

THE THIRD MINISTER

The imminent departure of Mr Peter Walker from the Cabinet is unfortunate. Not only is he the third minister in six months to announce that he is seeking fresher pastures but the timing seems politically embarrassing. No commander would have chosen, for whatever reason, to lose yet another lieutenant quite so soon. To do so when her party is besieged and has a difficult battle in the offing - is not an experience which the Prime Minister can

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Yesterday's announcement, however, needs putting in perspective. There is no obvious sign of acrimony or anything untoward. Like Sir Norman Fowler earlier this year Mr Walker is leaving the Government for personal reasons. Unlike Sir Norman he is quitting the House of Commons - but then he has been an MP that much longer. Like others who seek early retirement from their jobs, he wants to go while young enough to do something else.

He will be a loss to Mrs Thatcher's Government. Not only is he the penultimate survivor (the other being Sir Geoffrey Howe) of the Prime Minister's original 1979 Cabinet, but politically his position is unique. He has represented a strand within the party which has opposed a number of Mrs Thatcher's tenets and, in his case, has never shrunk from saying so. Yet he has somehow kept his place near to the throne.

That he has done so says something for his political abilities. Agriculture minister in her first administration and Secretary of State for Energy in her second, he has ended up as Secretary for Wales. In dispatching him to Cardiff some three years ago the Prime Minister seemed to be sending him to Coventry - picking up a snapping terrier from her heels and putting him down where he could do less barm.

But he has brought to Wales the same vigour and enthusiasm which he once deployed to beat the miners' strike or to stiumlate farm production in this country. His interventionist policies in Wales have reflected perhaps his economic views. His success in attracting Japanese investment and regenerating life in the Welsh valleys has been marked.

His political future, however, has remained clouded. His chances of becoming party leader have looked increasingly slight. Nor are his prospects of inheriting one of the other three great offices of state all that much better. In the event of Mr Michael Heseltine succeeding Mrs Thatcher at some point Mr Walker might indeed have risen higher. But an awful lot of"ifs" are there entailed. When he looks back over his shoulder he must see a new generation of Conservatives who are starting to rise to

prominence in the Commons. The timing of his going may be unfortunate. But then no time is ever ideal for any Government. When MPs now decide to quit the Commons they try to avoid doing so in mid-term. This way they avoid causing a potentially damaging by-election. On the other hand if they are planning to resign at the next election they need to give their constituencies plenty of time to select and groom a new prospective candidate. Had Mr Walker waited very much longer he might have damaged the party's run-up to the poll. As it is he gave Mrs Thatcher ample notice, enabling her and his

constituency time to plan. His decision might have caused more furore had it happened more than four years ago. Although he has remained a dormant dissident, occasionally making speeches of coded criticism, the most deeply-rooted cause of his unhappiness was removed by the 1986 Government decision to raise public spending and move down from the higher slopes of Thatcherism.

Since then the old divisions of "wet" and "dry" have been diluted. While the party is showing deep cracks on certain issus (Hong Kong immigration and the poll tax for example) these have tended to cut across "left" and "right" wing lines. His decision seems less significant in consequence.

Misfortune may he in the eye of the beholder. In this case the damage to the Government should be seen less in terms of political embarrassment than in the loss of an able senior minister who will not all that easily

GLASNOST IN THE AIR

East-West glasnost took a dive, if only temporarily, last week when the "Open Skies" conference in Ottawa ended without a treaty being agreed. The 23 Nato and Warsaw Pact delegations found common ground on a number of current issues, including troop cuts and a framework for discussing German reunification; but not on the meeting's official raison d'etre. The skies above their territories remained closed.

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This failure is probably not permanent: they will try again in Budapest next month. But success will require a shift in Soviet thinking a state of affairs which was once all too

When President Eisenhower first suggested 35 years ago that aerial surveillance should be permitted by the superpowers the Kremlin peremptorily dismissed it as a clumsy attempt to legitimize Western spying. President Bush revived the idea last May and both alliances have since agreed in principle. In practice, however, several obstacles have arisen.

On a number of points the 23 nations are as one. They agree, for instance, that a quota of surveillance missions should be drawn up and that 24 hours notice should be given. Air safety

requires that flight plans be submitted. They are also agreed that the planes should be unarmed and that an observer from the country being overflown should be on board. Although a variety of sensors could be used, signals intelligence (electronic "eavesdrop-

ping") would be banned. At Ottawa during the last two weeks, however, the Russians raised a number of objections. In the first place they wanted the overflying aircraft to share all its data with the "host" country. That in itself is not an unreasonable point and Moscow is not alone in making it.

But they also wanted to create a "pool" of aircraft and equipment which would be used by all the nations taking part. From their point of view presumably this would prevent the West (most notably the Americans) from gathering more than their fair share of information by making use of superior technology. But it would also be an expensive

More seriously the Russians want to restrict the areas which the aircraft overfly, for security reasons, and to impose strict limits on the frequency of flights. Whereas the Western powers have been thinking about several each month the Russians are talking in terms of one

The main purpose of the "open skies" proposal was to introduce a new confidencebuilding measure. For the last two decades the superpowers have relied on military satellites for surveillance. But despite the extravagant claims made for their usefulness, the height and precticability of their orbits limit both their reliability and their scope. The smaller nations, moreover, cannot afford them.

Aircraft flying under an "open skies" agreement would be able to swoop down below the clouds before using their high resolution cameras and sensors. For Nato, moreover, they could operate east of the Ural mountains - a vast expanse which will remain uncovered by any Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE)

Nor are such advantages one-sided. From a Soviet point of view, its air force could fly over North America – also well outside any CFE treaty area. But the restrictions on which the Russians are insisting would hardly build much confidence anywhere. They might indeed recreate mutual suspicion.

In one sense the projected treaty would come too late. The fear of a sudden attack upon the West has now receded. But truly "open" skies should open minds as well. These talks may be three decades overdue but are no less welcome for that. It is worth pressing for a realistic compromise.

CITY LIFE

Evidence of the transformation of Britain's "inner cities" is increasingly visible. To approach Sheffield along the lower Don Valley, for instance, is to traverse an old landscape in which new structures are taking shape. The cranes and concrete mixers are at work, and an industrial terrain is turning into a retailers' park. Moreover this is only one example, which can be matched in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Manchester, Leeds, Middlesbrough and

east London. Government ministers cannot resist trying to link the building boom in the older urban areas with their cities programme. No harm was done by their claims the other day, however, when the Prime Minister and her colleagues joined in celebration of their Action for Cities programme. Indeed it was a useful occasion if only because Mrs Thatcher appeared to acknowledge (for the first time?) that local councils have an important role to play in the revival of inner cities. They assuredly do. Their capacity to mobilize civic pride cannot easily be replaced.

The Government has thus learnt a few lessons since Mrs Thatcher made her famous commitment to the inner cities on the steps of Conservative Central Office in 1987 - and the results are now starting to show. The principal lesson is that no politician should make grand pronouncements on the steps of party headquarters. It raises expectations unduly and encourages those who are waiting for a chance to criticize. Action for Cities has suffered , because it promised too much. It may now be bedding down, however, because its authors

have realized two things. One is that a revival in inner area property values and ensuing redevelopment does not antail the revival of the communities who live there. Buildings are going up and blighted landscapes are being transformed. What matters as much, however, are the skills and enthusiasm of the people who will occupy them. It is on the human plane that Action for Cities has until now been weakest.

Government plans for the redevelopment of people abound. The list can be made to seem impressively long, encompassing city technology colleges, "Pickup" schemes for adult education, the training and enterprise councils and a plentitude of grants to voluntary groups. What is lacking is a sense of coherence. Local authorities should figure more in Whitehall's mind as coordinating bodies.

A second conclusion has been that there can be no national prescription: there is no generic inner city or a universal panacea. The Government seems to have half-realized this through its appointment of junior ministers. with specific geographical responsibilities though none of them has yet stamped his or her authority on the cities with the panache Lord Hailsham once imparted in Newcastle-upon-

Leeds' civic traditions, its economy and capacity for transformation, could hardly be more different from those of the city of Liverpool. Recognizing that entails an administrative and fiscal system capable of distributing different sums of money differently; capable of putting in central leadership here while standing back there.

One of the curses of modern British life has been a fear of what the parliamentary draftsmen call hybridity: the absence of general applicability. Any successful scheme for the inner cities must begin by renouncing any claims to being a scheme. It must start to build on the varied, local circumstances of each

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

for sea traffic

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch Sir, It would be a mistake to blame the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), as Mr Max Nicholson does (February 26), for the number and gravity of marine accidents causing ecological and environmental damage.

In 1960 IMO assumed on behalf of the UN, responsibility for updating the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (Solas), which came into being in 1914, following the sinking of the Titanic with the loss of 1.500 lives.

The current list of IMO publications includes nearly 600 items, of which 29 relate to "marine environment protection". If the flag, coastal and port states which are parties to the various agree-ments would enforce them the work of IMO would be cost-

As things are, anarchy tends to

prevail at sea, minigated only by the efforts made by some owners, operators and shipmasters to maintain high standards of safety as well as profitability in the face of unscrupulous competition. Is it not time that all shipping

was required to carry the equiva-lent of the registered number plate which is mandatory for motor vehicles? The monitoring of vessel traffic in coastal waters depends upon radar; so, largely, does safety of navigation, both as to the avoid-ance of collision and grounding.

Radar echoes are anonymous, however. Midar (marine identity data automatic response) would enable selected radar echoes to be identified; it was first brought to the notice of the marine division of the Department of Trade early in 1977, but no support resulted. Repeated representations over the years to what has become the marine directorate of the Department of Transport have met with a blank response.

Luckily for marine safety, if not for British industry, the Nether-lands Ministry of Transport has commissioned a study of methods of improving communications between vessel traffic service centres and shipping, including reliable identification of ship's echoes on radar displays.

IAN McGEOCH (Director), Midar Systems Ltd, Hatfield Peverei. Chelmsford. Essex_ February 26.

Established views

From Mr Leslie Knox Sir, Before the new directorgeneral of the Institute of Directors continues his attack on the Church, the middle classes and anyone else with a compassionate attitude to the casualties of society (report, February 28) he might reflect on two matters.

First, the number of his members who are actually involved in manufacturing goods. Secondly, the number of his members whose wealth comes from buying and selling companies (and people), with unlimited rewards for the successful, golden handshakes for the failures and a cavalier attitude to shareholders.

Yours faithfully LESLIE KNOX 9 Dunsdale Road. Holywell Northumberland. February 28.

Poll tax anomalies From Mrs Barbara M Berridge

Sir, Mr Abbott (February 27) is right when he says of the community charge, "a property tax after all". I am a residential worker during school terms, but maintain in the same town my own small home for use on my one free night a week and during school boli-

The solution, according to our registration officer, is to charge me about £400 personal community charge at work and twice the standard charge, i.e., about £800, on my property. My rates were £398 per annum. A far-reaching tax indeed. Yours faithfully

BARBARA M. BERRIDGE, The Quantocks, 22 Linden Road, Bedford. **February 28.**

Student loans

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh. University

Sir, A substantial expansion of higher education would bring considerable benefit to this country, but it would be expensive. The Government believes that students should contribute to the cost by paying fees; is this also the Opposition's policy?

The Page report (details, February 1) recently proposed that universities be encouraged to charge fees of about £400 p.a. to veterinary students to help pay for increasing the numbers being

A major issue of principle is involved. If higher education students generally are to be charged such fees, their cumulative debt burden (fees + student maintenance loans + loss of housing benefit/social security + current debt levels) would rise to at least £1,200 - £1,500 p.a.

Charging fees is politically unpopular, which explains why universities are being manipulated

Control systems Steps to counter immigration fraud

From Mr Philip Redfern Sir, The report on Operation Goldring (details, February 26) says that sham marriages and impersonation are widely practised in order to deceive the immigration authorities.

These fraudulent activities would be made more difficult if the system of registering births, marriages and deaths were improved; each registration of a marriage or a death should be linked in the Registrar General's office to the person's birth registration, thus creating at St Catherine's House a register of persons (and their marital status)

instead of just a register of events. That would inhibit many of the sham marriages, as well as the impersonation of people who are already married or deceased. The inclusion in the register of a person's current address would be an additional obstacle to impersonation through the fraudu-lent use of someone else's birth

Proposals to develop the registration system along these lines have been made by past registrars general and, as a response to the invitation in the December, 1988, Green Paper on the modernisation of the registration service, similar proposals were put to the present Registrar General. But the recent White Paper, Registration: Proposals for Change, ignored these representations because, we are told, ministers do not want population

registers discussed in the context

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freedom to be taken into account in evaluating the case for upgrading the existing register of vital events into a register of persons. But such a register would help to resolve many other problems that are worrying ministers, particularly if the register included

These problems include social security fraud, low take-up of targeted benefits, enforcement of a father's obligation to maintain his children, tax evasion and the black economy, incomplete electoral registers, inefficiencies in public administration, failures in the system for recalling women for cancer screening, problems in epidemiological research, and how to respond to the proposed open borders of 1992. A study in depth of the registra-

tion options is needed, not the outright rejection as in last month's White Paper. Sir John cheats". Yours faithfully.

contributed to furthering their policy aimed at achieving the elimina-

al , South African Parliament) Sir, A vast industry has grown up around anti-apartheid activities. This industry has adeptly found a formula to pick the pockets of the conscience-stricken, governments and international organisations.
The budget of the UN Committee against Apartheid and other UN committees has dispensed more than \$140 million per annum for more than a decade.

A cohort of people have a vested interest in seeing this industry survive: there are task groups. anti-apartheid movements, committees against racism whose very existence is threatened by the South African Government's determined changes in policy direction. I note a desperation in the industry's attempts to maintain its relevance.

Judged on past performance, the anti-apartheid industry represents a ball and chain on the ankle of reform and progress in South Africa. It serves their interests to sow suspicion, maintain a superannuated stereotype of South African society and rally around sanctions. If this is what the antiapartheid groups continue to subject us to, they will hinder development and give further reason for right-wing resistance. Yours faithfully. GLENN BABB

House of Assembly, PO Box 15. Cape Town 8000, South Africa. February 23.

From Mr Roel H. Goris Sir, I would like to refer to your editorial (February 21) supporting the British Government's decision to unilaterally lift the ban on new investments in South Africa.

Ironically, the best vindication for the British Government's decision has come from the EC Foreign Ministers themselves. Their statement on the annual report on the EC Code of Conduct for EC companies in South Africa. issued on February 20, during the same meeting in Dublin, concludes as follows:

The Twelve believe that the measures taken by European companies (in South Africa) in the implementation of the Code of Conduct have

Twyford Down From the Editor of Landscape

destroy scheduled ancient monuments on Twyford Down (leading article, February 28), to slice open sites of special scientific interest and degrade an area of outstanding natural beauty is really quite breathtaking in its arrogance. It suggests that the decision process

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into a position where it is made to appear as if it would be their own initiative. Because charging fees would change the nature of higher education in this country, the issue ought to be debated openly

in front of the electorate.

February 27.

If the Opposition is against fees, they ought to explain their own policy for financing the expansion of higher education. Yours sincerely. DAVID SMITH, Principal and Vice-Chancellor. University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh.

From Mr S. J. West-Oram Sir, Undergraduates reluctant to accept the principle of loans to finance their education might like to ask some of my pilot colleagues how they are coping with the repayment of their flying-training costs. Loans of the order of £40,000 are not uncommon and

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service. Of course there are important arguments about privacy and

current addresses.

Boreham (article, July 30, 1985) described our personal record systems as "ramshackle", to which would add "and a charter for

PHILIP REDFERN (Deputy Director, Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, 1970-82), 17 Fulwith Close, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. March 3.

Lifting sanctions on South Africa From Mr Glenn Babb, MP (Nation-

tion of apartheid by peaceful means

Apart from the need at this stage for concrete signs of encouragement to President de Klerk, it is obvious from this statement that the banning of new investments by these EC companies is a contradiction and that the de-cision of the EC to maintain this ban can therefore only be regarded as counterproductive in terms of their own stated objectives. Yours sincerely.

ROEL H. GORIS (Minister), South African Mission to the European Communities, Rue de la Loi 26 (Boîte 14-15), 1040 Brussels. Belgium. February 26.

From Mr K. J Costa

Sir, Mr Gerald Kaufman ("Why sanctions must stay", February 27) takes a very static and legalistic view of foreign policy. He recites selections from UN, EC and Commonwealth communiques, arguing that Mrs Thatcher is in breach of the sanctions policies of these bodies. But in formulating these resolutions, even though the release of Nelson Mandela might have been hoped for, no one could have anticipated the dynamic changes brought about by President de Klerk's actual announcement.

Mr de Klerk has not merely released Nelson Mandela, he has also unbanned the ANC. Who could have expected this? And now his Government is committed not merely to the incidental reform but to the substantive transformation of the whole of South African society. The end of apartheid and of the National Party as ruler is signalled.

In this context the release of Mr Mandela has been an event of unsurpassed joy. Not merely on humanitarian grounds but because his release and the unbanning of the ANC set an axe to the tree of apartheid. The felling has begun; the process is irrevers ible and sanctions should now be lifted.

Emotions may run high in

far wider impact. Three separate

national categories for safeguard-

ing our landscape heritage are being compromised unacceptably.

By this standard, no method for

assessing and conserving our land-

scape is a sufficient safeguard

K. W. FIELDHOUSE, Editor,

against development.

Yours faithfully

Yours sincerely KENNETH COSTA 95 Thurleigh Road, SW12. February 27.

also produces this decision, which so clearly runs counter to this claim.

Hampshire, but this decision has

Design Sir, The ministerial decision to must be flawed.

In the space of two weeks the secretary of state for transport announces a massive investment programme in roads, stressing its environmental responsibility, and

February 28. they are paid off over a period of about six years. Contrary to popular belief, starting salaries for second officers

might be.

in airlines are quite low - much lower than the starting salary for a science or engineering graduate, and lower still when the loan instalment is deducted. There is in fact keen competition to gain airline sponsorship for pilot training and the commitment to repay a large loan is accepted as a matter of course. The single-minded determination of the aspiring professional pilot quite outweighs any consideration of what the cost

> If aspiring graduates were only half so determined to gain a good degree as an essential qualification for a professional career then we would see students eager to accept loans to cover the whole of their university course. The result would be a higher proportion of good-quality graduates in worthwhile subjects

Yours sincerely S. J. WEST-ORAM. Durno House, Durno, Inverurie, Aberdeen. February 27.

CPS functions in the dock

From Dr Paul Robertshaw Sir, One measure of the effectiveness of the Crown Prosecution Service (report, February 19; let-ters, February 22) is the number of crown court defendants pleading not guilty who are discharged before the jury is empanelled discharge being a judicial act, but usually initiated by the prosecution.

The following statistics record the situation in 60 crown courts in 23 CPS areas in five circuits, excluding the South-east. They cover 1987 and 1988.

The median rates for defendants discharged in these circumstances was 15 per cent at Wakefield in 1987 and 18 per cent at Newport, Isle of Wight and Dudley in 1988. For the minority of most serious defendants remanded in custody the median was 8 per cent at Liverpool in 1987 and 15 per cent at Swansea and Swindon in 1988. The range was very wide, with seven courts in 1987 (six in 1988) having rates under 10 per cent and four more than 33 per cent (three

There were also large swings between years — for example 18 per cent (the median) at Dudley in 1987 was followed by 43 per cent there in 1988, Durham discharged 11 per cent in 1987 and none in

Such figures clearly lend themselves to a wide variety of interpretation, and certainly no service 25 per cent below strength is likely to get everything right; but on this evidence proper staffing is no guarantee of improvement.

Close research of local attitudes and procedures. "file-following", both for CPS lawyers and appointed agents may seem a modest proposal, but the CPS should be encouraged to put its acceptance of these principles into effect. Yours sincerely, PAUL ROBERTSHAW,

University of Wales, Cardiff Law School, PO Box 427, Cardiff.

February 23. From Mr C J Cunningham Sir, Mrs Wright (February 22) recommends filling the administrative jobs in the CPS with "experienced, non-legally trained

administrators with which the

Civil Service abounds" I disagree. When Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) was set up at the end of the war. virtually from scratch, to continue certain work in the intelligence field, it was recruited from people who had been shown to have, or were believed to have, certain skills I was one of them. We were by and large enthusiasts for our work, by and large, we were not administrators, so Mrs Wright's solution was adopted.

The result was disastrous. The men from whiteh understand us and our skills and problems; we did not understand them. Years rolled into decades. and we were still trying to batter out a basic staff and salary structure: an "us" and "them" situation developed and relations deteriorated from distrust through dislike to something near to

detestation. I can only say of Mrs Wright's solution to the CPS troubles, with all the strength and conviction I can muster, don't do it! Yours faithfully, CHARLES CUNNINGHAM,

St Ive's Chambers. Fountain Court. Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham 4

Trust in the office From Mrs Pamela Brown

Sir, Over 10 years ago I wrote, in an HMSO report (Application of Race Relations Policy in the Civil Service), that the special skills of personnel management were not sufficiently recognised in the service. Since then, the service has developed links with the Institute of Personnel Management and has used its training resources, but I see this as merely cosmetic.

No one in Whitehall displays any real understanding of what personnel management is about or what its practice can achieve. The service is not equipped with enough specialised knowledge for the development of personnel policies and practices which enable individuals to make their own decisions in managing their staff. More trust is placed in paperwork systems than in individual managers, so that the machinery grinds on, regardless of

Fundamental changes are needed if trust is to develop. When people are trusted their loss is felt. Yorus faithfully, Pamela brówn, Hillwood, Oak Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent. February 26.

In case of need

From Mr John Simpson Sir, With reference to Mrs Balsom's letter on cris de coeur (March I), I was present at a recording of BBC's Mastermind in Bristol last autumn when a controversy arose regarding the orbital behaviour of the extreme planets in our solar system This gave Magnus Magnusson the opportunity to enquire of the audience, "Is there an astronomer in the house?"

There was. Yours faithfully, JOHN SIMPSON, 9 Worcester Terrace, Clifton, Bristol, Avon.

March I.

LADY OLWEN CAREY EVANS

Last in the line of a Welsh political dynasty

OBITUARIES

father which touched on his

highly eventful sex life. But after transmission she admit-

ted to having enjoyed the series. In 1985, when already

into her 90s, she published a book of memoirs, Lloyd

She was a formidable speaker both in Welsh and in

English and an active member

of both communities. She

always lent her support to the National Eisteddfod of Wales,

with which the family had

long been closely associated.

Her cousin William George, a

Criccieth solicitor, is Archdruid elect of Wales, and

a local county councillor.

campaigning for him.

and on behalf of the blind.

NSPCC function.

George was My Father.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 3: The Duke of Edin-burgh this morning visited the "Glasgow's Glasgow" Exhibi-tion, Midland Street, Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mrs Susan Baird, the Right Hon Lord

Provost).
His Royal Highness, President of the British Amateur
Athletic Board, later presented the British Amateur Athletic Board Trophies in the City Chambers and was received by the Chairman of the Board (Miss Maria Hartman).

In the afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, opened the 21st European Indoor Athletic Championships, Kelvin Hall International Arena, Glasgow.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt,

was in attendance The Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, today continued his visit to Cumbria. His Royal Highness visited Lake Windermere, Waterhead, the Charlotte Ma-

Today's royal

engagements The Princess Royal, as patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will visit the "Children as Victims" project at 221 Bedford Road, Kempton, Bedford, at noon; as President of the Save the Childrenstrein of the Save the Candren Fund, will visit St Luke's Project. 92 Stretton Avenue, Cambridge, at 1.55; visit the Barn Community Education Centre, Cambridge, at 2.45; and a seminar at the Garden House Hotel at 3.20. Later, as Patron of the HFT Development Trust, she will attend a reception of the trust at Buckingham Palace at 7.00; Princess Alexandra will attend a dinner and a cabaret by Ella Fitzgerald at Grosvenor House at 7.45 to mark the launch of

Jazz FM, the first jazz radio station for London. **University College** London, Gower

Street Professor Bernard Cohen will give his inaugural lecture on "The Artist's Studio" in the Chemistry Auditorium, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, Gordon Street, WC1, on March 13, at 5.30 pm. Admission is

son College of Education, Ambleside, and the Phoenix centre, Windermere. Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Lady Olwen Carey Evans, the last surviving child of David

Lloyd George, Liberal Prime

Minister from 1916 to 1922,

died on March 2 at the age of

North Wales, following a short

Her death marks the end of

a great Welsh political dynasty that started with her father

and included a brother who

was to become a Conservative

government minister, Gwilym Lloyd George, and a sister, Lady Megan Lloyd George

Lady Olwen was the third

child of Lloyd George's first

marriage and the one who was

to give active and morale

support to the rest of the

family. She never entered

politics herself, but was always

there to sustain the others. She was a life-long Liberal, prob-

ably the last great Liberal standard-bearer in Wales.

To her the family was the

most important thing and

when her sister Megan de-

fected to the Labour Party

after losing her Liberal seat in

Anglesey to Cledwyn Hughes,

now Lord Cledwyn, there was

no question of any family rift.

Lady Olwen was born on April 3, 1892. She went to

London with her family as a

small girl and was educated at

schools in Wandsworth before

going to Roedean and on to finishing school in Europe. In

1917 she was married from

Number 10 Downing Street,

at the Welsh Baptist Chapel in

Castle Street, Marylebone, to

Thomas Carey Evans who was

to become surgeon to the

Viceroy of India, then Lord

Southgate, DSO, a leading

British organiser with the

French resistance in the Sec-

ond World War, who survived

Buchenwald, has died near

Though his parents were British, he was born — in 1913

- and brought up in the

French capital, and could

easily pass as French. Skilled with his hands, he made

furniture for a peacetime

Paris aged 76.

who was a Labour MP.

97 at her home in Criccieth.

This morning The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yacht-Royal, President, Royal Yacht-ing Association, opened the Sailboat '90 Royal Yachting Association National Dinghy Show at Crystal Palace, London. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, attended the Wales v Scotland match at Cardiff Arms Park, Cardiff and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Mrs Susan

Williams).
The Princess Royal was attended by The Hon Mrs Legge-March 4: Miss Audrey Dellow

was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order. The Princess Royal left Royal Air Force Lyneham this after-noon for the Federal Republic of Germany where Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitring and Export Council, will visit Dusseldorf Welcomes British Fashion — IGEDO. Mrs Richard Carew Pole was

Birthdays today

Lady Elizabeth Basset, royal equerry, 82; Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, 62; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, 63; Sir Frank Figgures, civil servant, 80; Professor C.P. Fitzgerald, his-torian, 88; Sir Rex Harrison, actor, 82; Mr Anthony Hedges, composer, 59; Archbishop Bruno Heim, former Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, 79; Mr R.A.E. Her-bert, president, Royal Horti-cultural Society, 56; Mr Richard Hickox, conductor, 42; Mrs Ann Longiey, headmittees, Pondage Longley, headmistress, Roedean School, 48; Lord Marshall of Goring, 58; Sir Derek Mitchell, civil servant, 68; Miss Elaine Parge, singer, 38; Sir Jack Rum-bold, former president, Indus-trial Tribunals, 70; Mr Barry Tuckwell, horn soloist and conductor, 59; Mr Des Wilson,

The Oratory School

tion. The following Awards have been made with effect from September 1990:

Major P.B.M. Holdsworth

Mr R.J. Homewood

and Miss B.J. Morrow

Mr J.J. Marchant and Miss A.L. Nutbell

The engagement is announced between Richard John, eldest

son of Mr and Mrs R. Home-

wood, of Sedlescombe, East Sussex, and Brenda, daughter of

Mrs J. Morrow, of Steyning, West Sussex, and Mr W.E.

Morrow, of Hurst Green, East

The engagement is announced between Jonathan James, sec-

ond son of Mr and Mrs Derek

daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Nuthall, of "Glengarry",

Binalong, NSW, Australia.

and Miss R.G.S. Norrie

Mr A.N.R. Nedderman

and Miss V. Radiey

Brentwood, Essex.

Farnham, Surrey.

Herr R. Schelp and Miss M. Critchley

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Herr Doctor Robert Schelp and Frau

Viktoria Schelp, of Pirmasens, Federal Republic of Germany,

and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Critchley, of

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Neil Fran-

of Fusiliers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F.B.S. Harnby, of Chester, and Lorna Jane, elder

Mr Matthew Harrop, of Brook
House, Middleton Tyas, North
Yorkshire, and Miss Louise
Young, of Upper Hilcot,
Cheltenham; Gloucestershire.
The Rev Christopher Courtaild
officients

The bride was given away by Captain David Kennedy.
A reception was held at the

The marriage took place on Saturday, at Berkhamsted, Hert-

fordshire, of Mr William

Hooper, son of Mr and Mrs

John Hooper, of Beyton, Suf-folk, and Miss Margaret

Crawford, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Crawford, of

Mr G.W. Hooper and Miss M.E. Crawford

cis Harnby, the Royal Regi

Mr T.O. Moe

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss S.C. Summers
The engagement is announced and Miss B.J.F Dutton The engagement is announced between Major Peter Holdsbetween Hugo James Stanley, only son of Mr David Rutland and Lady Davis, and Serena worth, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, eldest son of Major and Mrs B. Holdsworth, of Abbots-kerswell, South Devon, and Belinda, daughter of Colonel and Mrs T.B. Dutton, of Wedhampton, Wiltshire. Claire, elder daughter of Mr Mark Summers and Mrs Jona-

Mr R.J. Clevenger and Miss E.A. Carrell The engagement is announced

between Robert, son of Mr John Clevenger, of Urbanville, Iowa, and Mrs Jo Ann Ferguson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Byron Carrell, of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire. Mr J.S. Cooke and Miss K.S. Philpott

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Simon Cooke, of Clavering, Saffron Walden, Essex, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs John G. Philpott, of Rosemerryn, Wood Way, Orpington, Kent.

Way, Orpington, Kent.
Fg Off P.T. Donnelly
and Ms E.M. Hogan
The engagement is announced
between Phil, son of Mr and Mrs
John McOwan, of Crosby,
Merseyside, and Elizabeth,
daughter of Vic and the late Ena
Archard, of Westbury, Wilts.

Mr S.P.J. Dans and Miss A. Williams
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs Dunn, of Crosshill, Glasgow, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Williams, of The Dive Inn, Tudweiliog, Gwynedd.

Mr A.T. Fleming and Miss F.J. Maclatyre Mrs Alan Fleming of Tunbridge Wells, happily announces the forthcoming marriage of her second son Andrew Thomas to Fiona Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus MacIntyre, of

Mr J.G. Grimwade and Miss J.J. Izard The engagement is announced between John Girling, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs John Grimwade, of Effingham, Surrey, and Julia Jane, daughter Mr N.F. Hamby and Miss L.J. Burgess of Mr and Mrs James Izard, of Oxshott, Surrey.

Captain J.I. Tozer DERR and Miss L. Kibble The engagement is announced between Jeremy lan, son of Mr end Mrs H.I. Tozer, of Paignton, Devon, and Lorraine, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. Kibble, of Hong Kong.

daughter of Mr Paul Burgess, of London, and Mrs B.J. Burgess, of Solihull. **Marriages**

Savoy.

Baron Charles L. Schräger von Altishofen Altishofen and Miss N.J. Lovett-Standing The marriage took place at St Katharines, Merstham, Surrey, on Saturday, February 24, 1990, between Miss Nicola Jane Lovett-Standing and Baron Charles Leland Schräger von Altishofen. The Rev Canon Altishofen. The Rev Philip Duval officiated. The toride was attended by, Miss Katriona Pengelley and Master Dominic Hemy. The reception was held at The Oaks, Merstham, and the honeymoon is being spent as far away as possible.

Mr M.Harron and Miss L. Young
The marriage took place on
Friday, March 2, at St Paul's

co-chairman, Campaign for Freedom of Information, 49.

Music Scholarship Examina-

tward Holmes (Cran West Horsley).

In 1939 he crossed to England to join the Royal Air Force, and was a sergeant in a supply unit, back in France, by June 1940. He was on board the Lancastria when she sank off St Nazaire, with the loss of over 3,000 lives. He swam ashore, and felt he had been given his life back by providence: he was ready to take

Southeate joined one of the

found his way into the Special Operations Executive. After paramilitary, parachute and security training, he was dropped into southern France in January 1943, with the brilliant Jacqueline Nearne.

French and stable personality,

subsequently returned to

London, where Sir Thomas — he was knighted in 1924 — set

They retired to Criccieth, Lady Olwen's birthplace, in

1945, the year of her father's

death. Only two years later her

than she was married and

outlived the rest of the family

by a considerable stretch. Her

elder sister Mair died in

adolescence; Lady Megan died

in 1966 and her two brothers

shortly afterwards. But Lady

Olwen, mother of four, was to

Reading. They lived for a continue to live a particularly fully to prevent the BBC number of years in India and active life, working unstint- broadcasting a film about her

She was widowed longer

husband died.

up in practice in Wimpole Party. Always a spirited and

They teamed up with Pearl Witherington (later Mme Cornioley), another astounding personality, and with the Mauritian Dedé Maingard astheir wireless operator. This extraordinary quartet trav-elled, more often apart than together, all over central France, sounding out and then assembling and arming teams of saboteurs, who were to play a critical part in denying the Germans control of their lines of communication after the Normandy D-Day landing in

June 1944.

Squadron Leader Maurice last convoys back to England; England by light aircraft for a he told them nothing at all: and, thanks to his perfect month's rest and rebriefing in October 1943; work after he parachuted back was more hectic than ever. In April 1944 as many as 16 agents were dropped for his reception

ingly for local charities right up until her death and until

very recently for the Liberal

determined lady, she passed

the advanced driving test

She was made a Dame

Commander of the British

Empire in 1969 for her ser-

After Lady Megan joined the Labour Party, Welsh

Liberal campaigners turned

increasingly to Lady Olwen as

their standard-bearer, a role

she filled with pride and

In 1973 she tried unsuccess-

when she was 78.

vices to Wales.

dedication.

continue to live a particularly fully to prevent the BBC

SQN LDR MAURICE SOUTHGATE

Stimulating French resistance, surviving Buchenwald

long afterwards, was: "At last I prisoner.

Southgate was withdrawn to delighted to have caught him: children.

they sent him to Buchenwald.

one and only political dynasty.

sons and two daughters.

She is survived by her two

He spent nine months in that odious concentration camp, working as a tailor. They were further darkened for him by the deaths of most of his friends — of over 40 SOE On May 1, five weeks before agents sent there two escaped. D-Day, he was caught in a four more survived, the rest German police trap at an were murdered. Moreover, beelectrician's shop at fore they died several wireless Montluçon (Allier) where one operators explained to him of his sub-agents worked. severe staff errors in London, Every customer who called on which he wrote a sharp that day was arrested. His report after the Americans had cover as a customer held up; rescued him in April 1945. He his private reaction, he said was awarded the DSO while a

Southgate recovered his A fellow agent who had physical health, but Buchentrained with him, taken wald had scarred him for life. nearby as the result of another. He went quietly back to the police trap, was so unnerved French furniture trade, and to at being caught that he gave a happy marriage. After his away Southgate's identity as first wife's death he remarried ctor". The Germans were when in his 70s. There were no

IPHIGENE OCHS SULZBERGER

Keeping the conscience of the New York Times

Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger, who, as matriarch of the family that controls The New York Times, exercised a quiet but decided influence on the newspaper for most of this century, died on February 26 at her home in Connecticut. She was 97.

Iphigene Sulzberger was the daughter of one publisher of The New York Times, wife of a second, mother-in-law of a third and mother of a fourth. She sat on its board for 56 years, and, The New York Times recalled in an editorial. was something like its conscience".

Although devoted to her When he stood for election family and the newspaper, she last May as an independent. was also a noted philan-Lady Olwen, despite her years, thropist, known for her broad was out on the streets range of interests, from parks to polar exploration. Admiral She worked for a number of Richard Byrd, the explorer, charities, but most particugave one of her names to an larly for the National Society Antarctic waterway. for the Prevention of Cruelty Sulzberger Bay. to Children, the Royal Nat-

Her own anecdotal memional Lifeboat Institute and oirs, recounted to a grand-daughter at the age of 87, were printed privately for friends and family in 1979. They were Her role was never simply as a patron of these causes. She was an active member and published two years later as a only two weeks before her book under the title Inhigene. in a foreword, Barbara death she attended a local Tuchman, the American historian, wrote: "She is high-A tall, white-haired woman, class in every way a woman can function — in devotion to she much resembled her mother. She did not have the family, in strong social conpolitical flair of her younger science, in elegance of person sister Megan or of her brother and winning ways that gain Gwilym, but she remained her end, in alert intelligence very much a Lloyd George, and irreverent humour, in the family described by one energy and unfailing curiosity, Labour politician as Wales'

> Born on September 19. 1892, Iphigene Bertha Ochs was the only child of Adolph and Iphigenia Wise Ochs. Her father was then proprietor of The Chatanooga Times in Tennessee, but four years later he bought the faltering New York Times.

in friendship and a welcoming

The future Mrs Sulzberger was educated at home until the age of eight, when she was taken on her first Grand Tour of Europe. She then attended

school in New York and went to Barnard College, in her last year at Barnard she took much to her tather's chagrin, a course at the Culumbia School of Journalism. He felt that a newspaper office was no place for a woman.

During her college years, she met Arthur Hays Sulzberger, the son of a cotton merchant. The two were manried on November 17, 1917, after she accepted his second marriage proposal made, as she liked to recall, "in the grounds of a local lunane asylum".

When her father died in 1935, her husband became publisher of The New York Times. He was succeeded by her son-in-law, Orvil Dryfoos, and then by her son. Mr Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, who holds the post today.

At least once, iphigene Sulzberger was herself responsible for a journalistic scoop. In August 1944 a young Chinese diplomat passed to James Reston of The New York Times a document detailing secret decisions on the future structure of the United Nations, including the concept of veto power at the Security Council. The leak was inspired by then Chinese Ambassador to the US who, according to her memoirs, she had "made eyes at" while studying at Columbia Journalism School.

COLIN ROBERTS

Prof W D McHardy writes: To the excellent account

(obituary of February 14) of the life and work of Colin Roberts, I should like to add a footnote. It is true that he "took a

deep interest in the New English Bible", but his contribution to that volume went much further, for not only was he consulted on details of translation but he also supervised, unobtrusively and with considerable dip-lomatic skill, the teams of scholars and churchmen who produced the text.

When the Joint Committee of the Churches decided to set in train what was to become a major revision of the New English Bible, and which was published last year as the Revised English Bible, Roberts played a leading past in guiding the initial stages of the

After his retirement from the Oxford University Press he served as a member of the panel which produced the revision of the Apocrypha. and here his wide knowledge of koine was of signal value to the project.

Robert Kernohan

Unable to serve two masters

The New Testament warns us not to serve two masters, and I have decided not to try. But Marchant, of St John's Wood, London, and Anna Lisa, eldest the two masters are not as some of my Scots Presbyterian readers may suggest. the Kirk and Conservatism. They are the Church structure and the Christian conscience.

I am not as sure as Martin The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr and Mrs O. Moc, of Luther was that my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Some of those who Drobak, Norway, and Rebecca Gunvor Sahlin, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis G. preach the Word to me have almost confused me about Norrie, of Bourton, Dorset, and St Paul de Vence, France. what it is. And I find it extraordinarily hard, using the right of private judgement, to know what it means The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Dr and Mrs R.M. Nedderman, of Camor what Jesus, in whom the Word became flesh, says bridge, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.E. Radley, of about sanctions or poll tax. He would not have got on a Tory short lest and He would have been necklaced in Soweto

> All of us who work for organizations know that we often have to go against our judgement and inclination. even in Protestant Churches

6 I have found it increasingly hard to speak my mind 9

we are conditioned to believe that the Holy Spirit works through the structures of the divine institution. But the Christian individual has rights too, as Eastern Europe is discovering in its Glorious Revolution, and duties. And I am not sure whether it is as a right or a duty that I am quitting a job which became a vocation. I have found it increasingly hard to speak my mind and encourage those whom I think should be heard without appearing to go against the consensus of the Kirk's political establishment and the policies to which it has induced the General Assembly to assent. I have come to dread the pressures which might build up within me as well as on me as the next bitter General Election approaches and as the Kirk, associated with the "Scottish Constitutional Robert Kernohan, for 17 years editor of the Church of Scotland's magazine Life and Work, last week announced that he is to resign and seek early retirement, largely because of the political climate in the Churches. He is a former Tory candidate and for four years was Director-general of the Scottish Conservative Central Office in the Heath era.

Convention" helps Labour to play its near-nationalist card. But there are already too many first-person pronouns in this article. It is better to use it to seek consideration for three ideas which Christians (and others) with different political prejudices might not wholly reject. The first is relevant mainly

to "the Scottish Question".

The Kirk likes to present itself as the custodian of Scottish identity and nationality, as in many ways it is. The notion appeals to many Scots who are otherwise indifferent to it and rarely join its worship. The General Assembly has consistently if vaguely backed some form of self-government within the United Kingdom for 40 years, though the Church and Nation Committee got rapped sharply over the knuckles when it seemed to be campaigning for a "Yes" vote in the Callaghan 1979 referendum. But from a true historical perspective the Kirk's is not a nationalist tradition. It opted at the Reformation for the English Bible and not the French alliance. It backed the Union and the Hanoverians. Its great Victorians, Chalmers and Charteris, were philosophical conservatives and economic liberals. The Kirk is not necessarily true to itself

when it inclines to nationalism or socialism. Secondly, the enthusiasm for political involvement, which in Scotland and elsewhere tends to left-wing alignment is very much a minority taste in the churches. Even in Scotland the Conservative minority in the Kirk is certainly much larger than the overall proportion of Tory voters. More important, the political attitudes which are popular at the General

Assembly - and which Tories security of Israel. find divisive - rarely seem to Even the dramatic and so be reflected in congregational life. That is both a blessing and an under-rated fact of significance. It is also signifi-

cant that the anti-Thatcher line which is popular with the Scottish media has done nothing to reverse the decline of the Kirk's nominal membership. Its signs of revival are often on the theologically conservative wing, which is less committed to politics than the liberal one. Thirdly - and here personal experience must necessarily intrude - parts of the

Church's committee structures and secretariat increasingly show reactions and reflexes more appropriate to a party organization. I say the Church and not just the Kirk because the most predictable reactions are often from ecumenical bodies, particularly from the British Council of Churches on racial matters and immigration. Party organizations inevitably prejudge proposals from their opponents and give them no benefit of any doubt. They are conditioned to suspicion. I have belonged to one and know how those in it are affected by the environment and the team spirit.
The same mood (or so it

seems to me) has marked Church reactions to every belated attempt by the South African Government to tackle its moral and practical dilemmas and every attempt by the white Dutch Reformed Churches in South Africa to return to the mainstream of the World Church.

A similar mood, perhaps now chastened by events in Nicaragua, has conditioned an inherently desirable attempt to establish more contact with Latin American Christianity and has begun to

complicate Christian-Jewish relations. A generation ago few Christians dared to criticize Israel and the Arab case was neglected. The tables seem to have been turned and too little weight is given to the inherent anxiety and in-

largely unexpected pace of events in Eastern Europe seems to have taken the Church unawares and caught its political establishment not only unprepared but unsurprisingly uncertain. Are there guilty consciences over past claims about religious freedom in Russia, past neglect of those who suffered double discrimination from nationalist as well as antireligious motives? I would like to think that the subdued cheers from the Church reflect no more than anxieties for the future as old conflicts reappear and great expectations stay unfulfilled. And I confess that we all make

♠ Are the Churches missing true prophetic insights?

mistakes. When I published a couple of articles a year ago by Michael Bourdeaux of Keston College (for whom I have the greatest admiration) I thought he was being carried away, at least in suggesting the extent of the help that Soviet Christians might ask of us and which might become practicable. I was wrong. Not for the first time, it looks as if he may have been a true

Are the Churches so committed and so structured today that they miss such true prophetic insights? Have they so defined God's work that they have lost a true sense of His sovereignty? Have they so redefined the idea of Incarnation that they are in danger of losing a sense of the unique wonder and divine purpose of the Son of Man, in whom we see God?

Nature notes

Sparrow-hawks are souring over their territories, or calling with plaintive cries among the trees. This is the only time of year when they are so rocal and conspicuous; normally they glide silently along the woodland edges as they hunt for titmice and chaffinches.

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leaves are opening among the sticky bud-scales. On sallem bushes, the male catkins are large and fluffy and laden with yellow pollen, much earlier than usual in this very forward year. The lilac flowers of lesser riwinkle are out, half-hidden by the bright green leaves. Brimstone butterflies are com-

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Mr Mark Sugden
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31 nations signed a draft agree-

ment in Vienna in April, 1987,

limiting the production of CFCs. This agreement reached

its final form in Montreal the

The signing of the Montreal

Protocol, as it came to be known, was widely regarded as

a historic event. Its provisions

recommended pegging the production of CFCs 11, 12, 113, 114 and 115 by 1990, with a 20

per cent reduction by 1994 and

a 50 per cent cutback by 1999.

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yond the letter of the treaty and

Germany and Japan, went be-

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to Catherine (nice Elliott) and Justen, a son, Alexander William John.

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WELLANS-HONES - On
February 26th, to Amanda
and Huw. a boy Torn. WOLF - On March 1st. in Grasse, to Candy Inte Thompson) and Cubby. A daughter Georgina Chice.

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ON THIS DAY

John Curry, must be one of the few British living sportsmen to appear in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Skating, however, is firmly in the post for him, for since 1986 he has been mitted to a coreer as an actor; his stage debut was in 1987 in an adaptation of Dickens's Hard Times.

Ice skating

MAR 5

Curry wins world title with artistry greater than that in Olympics

From John Hennessy Göteborg, March 4

It was not simply that John Curry added the world figure skating championship here tonight to the Olympic title he won at Innsbruck last month. It was the way be achieved this distinguished double that so warmed the heart. He repeated his Olympic programme, of course (these things are not thrown together overnight), but this time there was even greater assurance and artistry. The silver medal went to Vladimir Kovalev (Soviet Union) and the bronze to Jan Hoffman (East

Germany). Curry had a characteristically nervous air as he took the ice, but a friendly word from his mentor, Carlo Fassi, evoked a broad amile, and from his tirst jump, a triple toe-loop, he gave us no cause for concern. He had two more triples, a salchow and a loop, whereupon the smile returned to his face as if to tell us that the worst was over, as indeed it was. A double axel was safely and elegantly pouched, then a double lutz, and all

anxiety drained from him and us. He needed five first places and be gut them from the judges of Great Britain (who gave him a full six for artistic interpretation), the United States, Canada, France and Japan.

This was not quite the grand slam he had contrived at Inssbruck, but satisfying enough in all conscience after his uncertainty in the figures and yesterday's short programme. For the most part he was an artist among journeymen, and it is sad to think, first that he has had to wait so long for this recognition and, second, that he will be leaving the amateur ranks. We may not see his like for a

long time to come.

The measure of Curry's achievement is that he has added a new dimension to figure skating, which will hereafter be judged as a full fiveminute programme of jumps and spins, interlocked into an imaginative whole by elements of folk dance and ballet. Not a second is wasted in the prosaic business of getting from A to B on the ice in order to progress from one highlight

to another... Once Curry had exerted his considerable charm, it needed a superhuman performance on the part of Kovaley to overtake him, but his chance went, as we were later to see, on an anxious scrutiny of the marks, with a disastrous triple toe-loop that set him in an ungainly heep on the

Even so, so far ahead was Kovalev after the compulsories and short programme that it was not until we could see the seventh mark of the second set of figures for the Russian, for artistic merit, that we knew that Curry was safely home. A mark of 5.8 against Curry's 5.9 would have given the two four first places and carried us into the nail-biting business of second-place marks, the equivalent of a tie-break in tennis. But the Japanese judge, bless his Oriental heart, settled on 5.7 and we knew we

Robin Cousins, the second British skater, could not quite find the form that inspired him consecutively in the British, European and Olympic championships. He included only two triple jumps, loop and salchow. both safely executed, and at other times tended to play safe. His marks, however, ranged between 5.4 and 5.6, so at 19 he has nothing for which to reproach himself. He finished ninth, nine places ahead of the third Briton, Glyn Jones...

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One of the least popular chemi-

cals of the moment is a CFC

(short for "chlorofluoro-

carbon") called CFC-11. Al-

though widely used in the plastics industry, in aerosols

and as a refrigerant, it damages

the ozone layer and exacerbates

In last week's Nature (vol

344, pp 47-49), Ronald G Prinn

and Amram Golombek of the

Massachusetts Institute of

Technology have been examin-

the greenhouse effect.

stroyed; 88 per cent of it is destroyed by chemical reactions at altitudes below 12 kilometres, well below the stratospheric ozone layer (about 22 kilometres). CFC-11, on the other hand, is

believed to have a residence time in the atmosphere of between 80 and 100 years, allowing its diffusion into the stratosphere where its destruction sets in train the depletion of ozone.

Non-toxic and chemically stable, CFCs were once thought to be the answers to every

Calton presided.

Service dinners Royal Naval Reserve Admiral Sir Jeremy Black was the RNH, Haslar principal guest and speaker at the Scottish division of the Royal Naval Reserve dinner held on

M.D. Simpson, RNR, presided. 31st Signal Regiment (V) Mr D.C. Robertson, Master of the Innholders' Company, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the 31st Signal Regiment (V) held on Saturday at the Kensington Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Lionel French presided and Captain Frank Dempster was

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dined out. 12th Air Defence Regiment General Sir Richard Vincent, Honorary Colonel. 12th Air Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery, presided at a dunner held on Saturday in Woolwich.

Essex Army Cadet Force Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise was the principal guest at a dining out night given by Colonel E.T. Boddye, Commandant, and Offi-cers of the Essex Army Cadet Force on Saturday at the County Training Centre, Colchester for Lieutenant-Colonel D.G. Mullis, retiring Deputy Commandant.

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Protocol to be strengthened.

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I Squadron HAC Major Orde Wingate presided at the annual dinner of I Squadron, Honourable Artillery Company held on Friday night at Armoury House. Mr John Keegan was the guest of honour.

Army Air Corps Lieutenant-General Sir John Learmont, Colonel Commandant of the Army Air Corps, presided at the annual dinner held on Friday night at their headquarters at Middle Wallop. Mr F.S. Stringer, Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators was the principal guest. University of Wales Air

Squadron Professor Eric Sunderland, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, and Air Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Officer

in: as the ozone-hostile CFCs are phased out, new refrigerants and propellants will be needed to replace them, and environmental protection is now the major priority.

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CFC-123 may be less damaging than other CFCs because it contains hydrogen (its chemical formula is CHCl2CF3, where "C" stands for carbon, "H" for hydrogen, "CI" for chlorine and "F" for fluorine atoms). CFCs 11 and 12 contain no hydrogen. atoms (their chemical formulae are CFCl3 and CF2Cl2 respectively). The hydrogen in CFC-123 may be the key to its short life in the atmosphere, because it is attacked by hydroxyl radicals (-OH) in the lower. atmosphere to produce water

(H2O). Increasing scientific evidence supports moves to extend the Montreal Protocol. Writing in Nature in September 1988 (vol. 335, pp 333-335), a year after the Protocol was signed. Tom Wigley of the Climatic Research Unit of the University of East Anglia showed that atmospheric concentrations of CFC-11 and CFC-12 would still threaten stratospheric ozone for a long time to come, even with the scrupulous observation of every clause of the Montreal Protocol.

Henry Gee

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port Command, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the University of Wales Air Squadron held on Friday night at RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader Ian Draper, Commanding Officer, presided. Among those present MCLE:

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With several million video recorders now fast-forwarding or rewinding across the nation every night of week, it is presumably academic to worry about when any network chooses to screen any

All the same, it would be good to know why you can spend the whole of Friday and Saturday scouring Radio Times and TV Times for even a single programme worth watching, while Sunday regularly comes up with about a dozen of them, mostly scheduled opposite each other, so they escape even the attentions of the video recorder, let alone a human television critic.

Last night, for example, gave us an important new film in the Screen Two series; the Media Show's report on homosexuality on screen; the arrival of a prom ing new stand-up comedian called Craig Ferguson, who has a thing about the pointlessness of saving whales ("when did you last see one on Mastermind?"); and the start of two new documentary series of considerable fascination.

Both of the latter were made, am happy to acknowledge, by the people with whom I spent most of the 1960s sharing the Late Night Line Up studio for BBC 2.

Michael Dean's Airline (BBC 2) followed a British Airways flight all the way from London to Sydney. On various terrifying stop-overs it considered the fact that pilots on £80,000 a year are now earning four times what is paid to the traffic controllers who keep them in the air.

This is not going to be a series for passengers of a nervous disposition. Dean also discovered atic for about 90 per cent of the flight, thereby rendering themselves so bored that they have been known to doze off and overshoot their destinations by 100 miles, ending up somewhere over the Pacific when they were supposed to be landing at Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, over on BBC 1. Joan Bakewell launched a new series of Heart of the Matter with Australian Aborigines worrying about the bones of their ancestors many of which now lie around in British museums. The problem is not just one of restoring property to its rightful owners; the Aborigines believe that their anestors cannot rest in peace until buried in the correct place, and that correct place is not a glass case in Bloomsbury.

What they need is some Aboriginal Melina Mercouri to come storming out of the outback on a reclamation mission to get the skeletons out of the capboards. But, in the absence of such a one, eristically elegant and intelligent conscience-stirring report.

The Screen Two film Small Zones (BBC 2) was a sombre, lowkey but haunting account of two women, one a battered wife in Hull, the other a Soviet poet and prisoner of conscience, both trapped in separate but overlapping worlds of mental isolation and physical torment. Catherine Neilson and Suzanna Hamilton starred in a script and production

Sir Georg Solti is currently

conducting performances of Elektra at Covent Garden.

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Royal Opera's new production of Richard Strauss's Elektra boasts clear design and first-class musicianship

Double Hungarian triump

OPERA Paul Griffiths

Elektra Covent Garden

he last Royal Opera production of *Elektra* went out two years ago blaze of passion with Dame Gwyneth Jones in the title role; its replacement arrived on Saturday night at a similar level of intensity, but with the thrill differently placed, in a diamond-bright, ferociously resolved and yet also astonishingly lyrical central performance by Eva Marton, and at the same time in the quite spectacular orchestral sounds spurred from the pit (and from two side boxes packed with brass, harps and percussion) under Sir Georg Solti.

If the evening is essentially a Marton-Solti, double Hungarian triumph, it is beloed in the right direction by Gotz Friedrich's production. As he revealed here in an interview with John Higgins last week, he had fought shy of this opera because it presents such problems in getting the words across. His solution — a set by Hans Schavernoch which almost completely fills the proscenium opening with a forward-curving wall, as if the action were taking place inside a great tube - has got around the acoustic difficulties, making it possible for Marton, in a heroic performance, to range down at times to what sounds like intimacy while remaining perfectly audible.

But if the tube was in the first place a practical, musical tool, it also provides an appropriately uniform, enclosed, metal space for the work to happen inside. The only features here (apart from the rather phallic catastrophe of a shaft thrust through the tube) are an entrance to the palace lying beyond the wall, and a row of slatted windows giving a nicely indefinite and occasional view of goings on within; the rushing preparations to which Elektra and Chrysothemis refer; the murder of



Rich texture and outstanding vocal form: Klytenmestra (Marjana Lipovšek, left) and Elektra (Eva Marton)

Lore Haas's costumes, too, are simply effective, not dislocating in their anachronism (except for Chrysothemis's platinum blonde wig, which is standard issue in current German productions for the comfortable bourgeoise). The maids' overseer in the opening scene is a proud-bosomed, governessy figure, and the sympathetic Fifth Maid (sympathetically sung, too, by Gillian Webster) is brutally

manhandled by two police-woman-like characters. And if Klytemnestra's vermilion dress and toque are not too distant from antique style. Aegisthus's atten-dants have a loucheness only the 20th century can offer, and Elektra gains a good deal from the elementary detail of a raincoat, giving all her movements a flap-

ping urgency.
Of course, it helps that Marton

moves so well, and seizes attention even when she is huddled on the floor at the opening. But it helps still more that she is in resoundingly good vocal form. There is no harshness here: this is a woman who is still young, still in a sense innocent, singing indeed out of an outraged innocence, with a centred purity and accuracy, a stung and stinging beauty, even when she is foaming with torrents helps, but her conversational de-tail and variety of tone show an intelligent command of vocal resources that is as remarkable as her sheer stamin

Perhaps partly because this Elektra covers such a wide range of vocal nuance, Nadine Secunde had some difficulty in establishing herself as Chrysothemis, though she was singing much more surely at the end of the opera: this fine artist, making her house debut. will surely emerge more strongly more immediately in later per-

Iso new to the house is Marjana Lipovsek, who makes one wonder a bit about the point of having a young singer as Klytennestra if she is just going to add in the usual cackles and chortles: her best singing (and this is a rich-textured voice) came when she appeared to forget about

Robert Hale provides a magnificent Orest, his voice black and implacable, his upright stance monitory, and there is an admirably distasteful, succulent Aegisthus from Robert Tear.

inseparable from the success of the designs, the success of Friedrich's production seems inseparable too from the supreme success of Solu's musical direction. Moment after moment right up to, and certainly includ-ing, the death of Elektra - is achieved with a startling unity of sound and gesture, and the shal-low space presented in front of the wall is used with great skill: opened to the vertical with long mops at the start and seeping blood at the end.

Solti's particular miracle is to render Strauss's score as violent imaginativeness on stream; it seems quite extraordinarily, almost gaudily various in timbre and texture, across a range from an unashamedly ingratiating solo violin to tumbling walls of noise, but with everything exactly weighed, so that even the most shattered phrases have an almost they were done.

corporeal singleness. Great things were expected of this occasion; emories of great talents like Prokofiev, burnt out by nihilism in

that grim Stalinist era?

On Friday night, no one who heard how he attacked the fast passagework — feverish, obsessed, guttural with anger — or how he dug into the biting discords of that tortured central cadenza, could mistake his interpretation of this masterpiece. It is mosic for those who are scared and scarred by a nightmare from which they cannot awaken.

Yet, between the relentless march rhythms, and the tense scurryings into the alto regist (done with an immaculately tuned sonority) came moments of repose when Rostropovich dipped briefly but beguilingly into the normality of lyrical beauty. The London Symphony Orchestra offered vigorons support under Andrew Litton's direction.

Earlier, the LSO's rumbustions performance of Strauss's Don Juan had pleased more than a hard-pressed reading of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony.

Sacrificing his talent for dogma

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Jackets 2 Bush

Edward Bond's Jackets I was about parents willing to sacrifice their child, and a child willing to be sacrificed, to ensure an eastern princeling's survival. Jackets 2 also involves honour and martyrdom; but in a place and period we are meant to find even more distasteful: an unnamed city in Europe, perhaps London 1995.

Those Mikado-era nobs at leas brought a certain principle to self-slaughter. Their English counterparts prefer to lay other people's heads on the block. Seeking an excuse to crush unruly plebeians. Tom Hudson's wintry young of-ficer packs off his lookalike to a suicidal encounter with the rioters. The death of this harmless squaddie, also played by Hudson, will allow the army to start "street searches, mass arrests, internment without trial".

Not much Japanese honour there. That is to be found in lowlier places. Poor Hudson ends up looking down the gun of an old chum who, though outraged by his class treachery, is too fine to shoot him. It remains for the private soldier to rediscover his proletarian credentials, beg to be killed, and pot himself.

Good old Bond. You have at least to allow him the singlemindedness of an Ayatollah denouncing the Great Satan. When European politics are more intricate than for years, and more in need of careful study from both sides of the ideological divide, still he plugs his hard-left agenda. Listening to his opinions on plundering, monstrous Them and robbed, oppressed Us is like watching someone try to measure Einstein's universe with a six-inch ruler.

The play is unsubtle enough when it is serious and in prose. It is worse when Bond launches into either Brechtian song or galumphing humour. Pity William Whymper, an army padre who regards his flock as "vermin, scum, a squalid blemish on society's face", and tells the doomed Hudson that God wants him to "arise, go forth and be shot", dressed "in the white khaki of the Lord". Acting such stuff must be like drawing a cartoon with a

kitchen mop.

Most of the cast, emissaries from the Haymarket, Leicester, seem more to be pitied than censured. There are decent performances from Steve Ullathorne as a waxen, smirking policeman and Ross Dunsmore as the agonized rebel with the gun. There are even times when Janet Legge and Maureen Morris, though unable to hide the absurd length of a scene in which two mothers prepare to identify one or the other's dead son, make you feel that Bond's perceptiveness has not quite deserted him.

But mostly any such feeling seems wishful. No longer is the author of Saved, The Fool and Bingo willing to let observation determine ideology. Instead, ideology dictates observation, and the result is caricature, and bad caricature at that

Sunny start for Szymanowski

It was wise strategy, as it turned out, for the masters of the South Bank to begin their Szymanowski series with arguably that composer's most ambitious work, the neglected opera (last seen in London in the 1970s), King Roger, finished in 1924 and given on this occasion in league with the BBC. The audience was large, and the atmosphere of a special occasion

Proper staging was out of the question, but its absence mattered little. This opera depends for its intoxicating effect upon the suggestive richness of the score itself. Its story is, on the surface, a simple matter of the seduction of the Sicilian king - and his whole court - by a beautiful shepherd who turns out to be the god Dionysius. Mystic enlightenment, with Roger holding up his hands in praise of the sun, is the end

CONCERTS Stephen Pettitt

King Roger Festival Hall

Christopher Palmer's excellent introductory essay rightly pointed to the principal literary sources of the opera as being Euripides's Bacchae and Mann's Death in Venice, both of which share its philosophical and homoerotic background (which is not phys-

ically expressed). Likewise, King Roger is about an obsession that cannot be realized; that is how its tension is created. It is secured through the recitative-like continuum of his vocal lines and by an adventurous, though thoroughly Romantic, harmonic language that often answers

the tonal questions ambiguously The music wove its spell convincingly here. Wieslaw Ochman sang the part of the Shepherd with smooth allure, and King Roger was set by another Pole, Jan Dobosz, deputising for an indisposed David Wilson-Johnson,

in appropriately flustered confusion and desolation before his final enlightenment. Eilene Hannan was a powerful and richvoiced Roxana, Roger's queen, while Martyn Hill's important role as Edrisi, the Arabian sage, was delivered confidently. The imposing first act was

further embellished by the excellent singing of the Southend Boys' Choir and by Anne Collins and Matthew Best in the small roles of the Abbess and the Archbishop. Andrew Davis conducted an obviously well-rehearsed BBC Symphony Orchestra with evident passion.

Richard Morrison

LSO/Litton Festival Hall

Even by his own astonishing standards, Mstislav Rostropovich gave a remarkable performance on Friday night. The cellist looked a little gaunt; possibly the punishing schedule he maintained during his historic return to the Soviet Union last mouth sapped his emotional and physical strength more than

However, be played the hideously difficult solo part of Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante like a

Possessed, first, by pride that he can still perform it with brilliant fury, some 40 years after it was written for him. No one will ever unlock this piece's mirthless ironies, or its feeling of macabre neurosis, with more authority.

Was Rostropovich also, per-haps, possessed by demons: black

US comedian Jackie Mason, appearing in London from tonight, discusses with Barney Hoskyns the universality of Jewish humour

You really don't have to be

ews suffer more than most people," Jackie Mason says, because they feel a moral obligation to overcome persecution." As the pre-eminent standup Jewish comedian he knows what he is talking about. The statement explains both why he became a comedian and what his comedy is about. The Jewish comic overcomes through humour, his predominantly Jewish audience is satirized for attempting to do the same via money and status. Jackie Mason makes fun of

people's foibles, particularly their hypocrisy and pretensions. He loves Jewish millionaires who buy yachts purely for prestige and never learn to sail them. He knows, too, that his jokes won't change them. "They laugh at themselves through me but they never sell the boats. No matter how much sense I make and how right I might be, the things that drive peple to do the sick things they do are 10 times more important to them than any joke I could tell." Mason first learned to poke fun

at his fellow Jews when he was a voung rabbi on New York's Lower East Side in the 1950s. The first of four brothers to be born in America to his Russian immigrant parents, he soon realized that most of the people in his synagogue were there in their capacity as amateur gossip-columnists: to see who was wearing a mink, who had a new diamond, who was pregnant, who looked like they were about to die . . ." In 1960, he made his way up to the Catskill Mountains, the famous "Borscht Belt," and - like every great Jew-ish comedian - bluffed his way into a job as "social director" at one of the big resort hotels. "This was the guy who kept things going, created diversions for the guests: a semi-comedian with his eye on the big time."

From the off, Jewish people told



Jackie Mason: began as a rabbi

him he was "too Jewish" and would never make it with Gentiles. "A lot of Jews have a terrible complex," he says: "they think if Gentiles hear a comedian talking in a strong Jewish accent they'll start a pogrom." He proved them wrong with a successful Hollywood show and he was booked for Steve Allen's television show, and subsequently New York's Copacabana at \$5,000 a week.

"I was much more obviously a Jewish type of character than a lot of Jewish comedians," says Mason, "but I've never found that I got any less laughs from Gentiles. It's bizarre that the average American never knew Jack Benny was a Jew, but that's how safe he played it. Even Jewish movie producers never allowed anything Jewish to happen in their movies: by the time the movie came out the family was Italian!" Mason remains uncompromis-

ing. A fierce pride comes through even when he is being most merciless – and at his most merciless he is more painfully funny than Sid Caesar, Mel Brooks, and Woody Allen put together.

The rise came to a crashing halt one night. A goy named Ed Sullivan didn't get the joke when Mason made innocent fun of him on his prime-time show, and took apoplectic offence at what he

deemed to be some "filthy gestures" Jackie was making. "I went from being the naive sweet Jew to being that lowlife Jew bastard," says Mason, and for 20 years he was lucky to make second on the bill in Vegas and Atlantic City. He remains philosophical about it, since he believes that "life is a hobby and you shouldn't take yourself too seriously," but he hit a low of sorts in the Eighties after sinking all his money into four hopelessly unsuccessul movies.

When his manager, Jill Rosenfeld, suggested in 1986 that he do a one-man show in LA, he balked thinking the critics would "louse me up as this Jew from the Catskills who thinks he should be on Broadway." As it happened, The World According To Me, which Londoners saw last spring at the Piayhouse Theatre, ran on Broadway for almost three years, earning critical raves.

They were deserved, for his 20 years of unjust penance had given him a rare wisdom and an even more unlikely humility. "I would say that most comedians are not too interested in the world they're living in," he says, "but in that respect they're not so different from politicians. I try to have compassion for the underdog."

With a new show starting at the London Palladium tonight — "I feel it's taking advantage of the customer to tell the same old jokes, so this is all new ma-terial" — Mason is back in town to wow that predominantly Jewish audience whose best-kept secret he is. Unlike Milton Berle, quoted in Rex Bloomstein's recent Arena documentary on Jewish humour, he seems unconcerned as to whether his Gentile admirers are laughing with him or at him. All he knows is that we human beings have to laugh at our predicament or go mad. "Even in concentration camps," he says, with a smile, "the Jews laughed."

Ballet through the ages

ROCK David Toop

Spandau Ballet

London Arena

That useful phrase, revolt into style, hardly seems adequate to explain the process which has taken Spandau Ballet from the avant-garde foppery of new romanticism to the ocean of stonewashed denim that was the audience attire at last Friday's show.

They may be comparatively a spent force in Britain, but they can still fill uncongenial venues with an army of devoted fans and in Europe they continue to thrive. A song such as "True", their ersatz soul ballad from 1983, possesses minor distinction and gives some clue to the mystery of their success. On Friday, however, such moments were to prove as frequent as waterholes in a desert as they thundered their way through a long set.

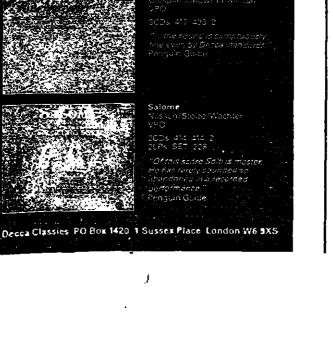
They began with promise. Smoke swirled in cones of light and when the curtains opened the sound was punchy, loud, but very clear. The Kemp brothers, soon to be launched upon the world as

actors in a feature film about the Kray twins, seemed abnormally restrained in their guitar and bass roles. This left Tony Hadley to do the spadework of driving home all those drum fills and climaxes that fill a Spandau song.

As a performer, Hadley is something of a lump and for the purposes of singing he declaims in a bellow. This is exactly what is required in anthems such as "Gold", that cracking standby of sports programmes. "Gold" perhaps the apex of the group's achievement, being full of an ineffable something which could be either loathsome or inspiring if you could only decide what it might be. I have always enjoyed watching Hadley negotiate the impossible line, "You've got the power to know, you're indestructible", and he attacked it with all the crude verve of which he is On the evidence of mediocre

stretches of this show, Spandan Bailet will prove to be anything but indestructible if their songwriting continues to decline. "Gold" and "True" are hardly works of genius by any standards, but presenting them side by side with newer material emphasized their trashy pro-eminence.





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Is male and female behaviour pre-programmed

- and can it be altered?

Victoria McKee

previews a new

television series

n the corporate jungle man is king - and he throws out territorial spoor to prove it. Whatever lip service is paid to equality in the workplace, body language tells a different

Move Over Darling is a provocative five-part television series starting tonight which explores the differences between the sexes, and suggests that if the law of the suggests that it the law of the jungle prevails, it is high time women started learning the rules. "Do women under-achieve because of how people behave towards them?" the programme demands. "Or is it something that

is subtly programmed into females from birth?" The quest for an answer took the series producer, Vicki Barrass, first to the international department of the Bank of Scotland in Manchester, where a typical working week was captured on video camera.

Employees knew they were being filmed, she explains, but didn't know why. The video was then analysed by the body language expert Kathryn Stetchert, author of The Credibility Gap (Thorsons, UK), who was flown over from America "because no one in Britain has done as much, not just on body language, but on its impact on a woman's career", Ms Barrass says. "We wanted to know whether men speak a language women don't - the language

The answer, it seems, is yes. Film clips show men growling (yawning) and stretching like lazy lions, stalking majestically about to define their space, and pawing



Speaking volumes: since becoming Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher has deepened her voice, brightened her plumage - and acquired a whole new vocabulary of body language

patronizingly in displays of dominance. The women, on the other hand - even those of equal rank to the male managers - huddle together like sheep, cackle like hens, or hover in doe-like deference to the species they plainly perceive as separate and superior. The men confer like a war

council - upright, arrogant, with bold gestures - while the women, even if they're talking business, appear to gossip in girlish camaraderie. "And women often end a statement with a question," Kathryn Stetchert found, "which men interpret as a woman's need for reassurance and approval" although it could be partly "because women work harder at conversations, and listen better". It is quickly apparent that the

women relax and become visibly more comfortable when the men are not around. They move less than the men - but laugh and smile much more - probably since it's a way of getting people to like you". And they are far less likely to use touch as a way of defining territory. "Men get themselves noticed" and command the space they're in with big, expansive gestures, while women "are taught to keep their bodies small

The women share confidences while the men, Ms Barrass observed, seem to shun personal disclosure. If they chat it is about sport or cars or "practical things", she says - seldom the interpersonal relationships which women seem to enjoy dissecting.

and close".

In another of the programmes, a female "personal assistant" trades places with her boss, the managing director of B&Q, for a day. He may be unable to operate the photocopying machine or deal with the telephones, while she takes to the boardroom like a duck to water - but he never loses his dominant body language. "Look how he leans on her desk when he comes for the diary," Ms Barrass says. "He never adopts subordi-nate body language. The way he carries himself clearly says 'I'm

still the boss'." It was extremely difficult to find a boss who would co-operate at all in such a scheme, Ms Barrass notes - "and one large organization told us, without being conscious of any irony, 'we no longer



have any female assistants to directors because we have realized

that is a way to the top' "Men got there first and set up the systems and patterns that work for them," Ms Stetchert observes. women want to get ahead they'll have to learn how to work within that system." But Ms Barrass feels there will have to be some compromise on both sides if women are going to comprise more than half the British workforce by 1992: "Women cannot simply ape male patterns of behaviour which will sit awk-wardly on them. They are never going to be able to use touch like men do, for example. But the giggly, girlish behaviour has got to be eliminated."

The final day's programme will

consist of a 45-minute debate featuring, Ms Barrass promises, "nearly half of Britain's 41 female MPs" on the issues raised in the programme. As well as the allpervasive question of body language, these include child-care provision and stress (in Wednesday's programme a couple are wired up to test their stress for the day and - you guessed it - the wife who stays at home with the children comes out with stress levels 20 per cent higher than her working spouse).

Also in Wednesday's pro-

gramme one woman argues passionately for full-time motherhood – another puts the case for working motherhood. "I for full-time really want to get the debate going among a large audience who

wouldn't normally watch a 'femi-nist' programme," Ms Barrass says. "I don't want to just preach to the converted. But sometimes I feel I didn't have to make this series - like so many women, I

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science and one of the MPs who will participate in the debate, says:
"Men have that inbuilt we're
cock-of-the-walk' stuff, but I suppose as women get more confident we tend to assume the same kind of body language as men. In my world I'm aware of using every weapon possible to get my way. And look at the change in the Prime Minister — more power dressing, and brighter colours."

he knows, too, about the importance of staking out territories. "The first thing I did was to completely alter my room at the department - I changed the strawberry mousse walls into crisp green and put in clean new furniture and curtains. I made it very feminine — and purposeful so that anyone who comes in would say, "That's her territory." Dr Helen Haste of the Univer-

sity of Bath, a specialist in the psychology of women who contributes to the second programme, says: "There is evidence that powerful women have changed their style of moving and speaking. They have learnt, like Margaret Thatcher, not to create space in conversation as women so often do, to get rid of all the 'ifs' and 'buts' and not leave questions hanging in the air. They also instinctively drop their voices, as she was trained to do.

But women may choose to claim their territory by being assertively feminine as well as by being gender neutral." One way to turn the tables without turning tail is to opt out of a hostile environment and become your own boss, Ms Barrass says — "an option more and more women are choosing to exercise". And men, she prophesies, will have to start learning the submissive body language of subordinates as more lionesses begin to prowl the business jungle.

● Move Over Darling is on BBC1 at 10.20 every night this week, Monday to Friday.

Unleashing power of positive ageing

Women are working harder and living longer - but are

they prepared for the stresses that the new era brings?

ove over, Whistler's Mother: we are entering the era when turning 60 or even 70 does not mean becoming a frump with a dowager's hump, and women can enjoy the "third age" without seeming off their

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The Duchess of Gloucester, Mrs Edwina Currie, Dr June Patterson-Brown (chief commissioner of the Girl Guides), Dr Katerina Dalton (an authority on pre-menstrual syndrome and hormone replacement therapy) and Mrs Sheila Kitzinger will be among the eminent women and health-care professionals celebrating the improved prognosis for the female of the

species this week.

national Women's Day on Thursday, the National Council of Women of Great Britain has organized a women's health day demanding "Are we fit for the Nineties?"

One workshop, titled "The Politics of Ageing", will address what the organizers believe is one of the most highly charged issues confronting women - and Britain in the Nineties.

Joanne Woodward, the wife of Paul Newman, was 60 last month. Her body is lithe and erect, her skin youthful and her hair flows free to designerclad shoulders. "Society devalues and desexualizes older women," she declared in a pre-birthday interview. "It would have us believe that we are no longer sexual creatures of them, and we need to To commemorate inter- at the time when we're just

beginning to have our own doubts.'

Dr Jacqueline Morris, consultant physician in the "medicine of old age" at the Royal Free Hospital, and Ms Mary Kennedy, chair of extramural studies at Birkbeck College, University of London, both speakers on "The Politics of Ageing", believe it is up to women to maintain their sense of value and sexual identity as well as their physical and mental health into old age - but with considerably more help from

"Everyone's campaigning for improved child care, but there are new challenges facing women over 50, with maybe another 30 years of life ahead campaign for more attention

the psychiatric social worker



Star quality: Joanne Woodward thinks young - and it shows

to them," Dr Morris says. 'We need to fight for improvements that will add life to years, not just years to

She is a proponent of "positive ageing", and since women live longer than men (in 1986 they accounted for 58 per cent of people aged 75 or more in Britain), and single women live longer than married ones, the question of positive ageing can fairly be

viewed from a feminine

perspective. But surveys have shown, Ms Kennedy points out, that from early middle age women are more likely than men to assess their health as only fair

Dr David Wheatley, of the Mandsley Hospital's stress clinic, another speaker on the day, believes this could be partly because "women are confronting far greater stresses

'There are new challenges facing women over 50, with maybe another 30 years of life ahead of them, and we need to campaign for them. We need to fight for improvements that will add life to years, not just years to life'

such as deciding whether to take hormone replacement therapy and trying to hold down a highly placed job".

Mrs Currie, another speaker, agrees. "The various bits of research have shown that when women go into the job market they don't give up any of their other roles. Women are not machines, and if we are to take on additional roles outside someone must

do more at home. "Women as they come to retirement age now realize they have decades ahead of them and are planning their time better than any previous generation. They are much more vigorous and determined to enjoy themselves."

The elderly people Dr Mor-ris deals with divide pretty neathy into two groups, she says: "Those who enjoy life,

than ever before: the stresses and those who are overcome longer and need to prepare that affect everybody, as well by disease and depression." themselves for it."

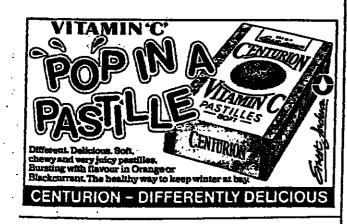
> physical and mental - is the key to an enhanced "third age". She believes that with improved knowledge of diet and exercise, and widespread HRT, the dreaded "dowager's hamp" will virtually disappear over the next 20 years. The concept of middle age will widen to embrace up to 70year-olds, she suggests.

he president of the National Council of Women, Ms Rosa-Women are confused about the increasing array of health choices which confront them. For younger women they are issues of sex and children; middle-aged women worry about conflicting opinions on HRT and cosmetic surgery, and at the same time know

Partly because of these new strains, she believes, women are drinking more than ever before, and girls are smoking more than boys. (On Thursday there will also be a workshop on addiction.)

"Although we are increasingly told that women are a needed force in the workplace, there is a parallel image being put forward once again of women as wives and mothers," Ms Preston says. "And older women - encouraged back to work - still face ageism as well as sexism. The United Nations will be having a Year of the Family next year, and we have let our concern be known about that, as we hope it will not exclusively promote a woman's place as being in the home."

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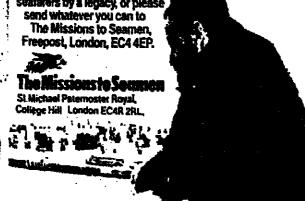


Loneliness is just one problem

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f your child is being bullied at school — or is himself the class bully -reach for the telephone. This week sees the launch of the ChildLine "Bullying Line" for any distraught child, parent or teacher who cannot take Since ChildLine started

more than three years ago, bullying has come out as the second most distressing experience for children [following sex abuse] that they frequently keep quiet about, says Mr Hereward Harrison, of aggression

and psychotherapist who will be manning the phones along with five other counsellors. "Up to 15 per cent of all children suffer from severe bullying which can, at the worst, lead to a child's death. One recent case involved a 14year-old boy who, after being

taunted, rode out of the school holding conferences." gates in great distress and into a lorry. Mild bullying can lead to depression, truenting, poor school work and general unhappiness. Occasionally, a victim will suddenly turn round and become the aggressor, with drastic results." really a very isolated and

Mr Harrison stresses that the Bullying Line — currently being advertised through posters in state and private schools, and open during March and April from 2-8pm, including weekends — will not necessarily provide easy answers. "We can try to give advice, but we're really testing the waters. Five years ago, people admit-ted sexual abuse took place but maintained there was nothing we could do about it. Now we know there is.

How to beat the bullies

Help is at hand for young victims

"The same goes for bullying once we've established how deep the problem goes, we could evolve a national policy as in Norway, where legislation sets out procedures for schools to follow, such as reporting the incident and

Bullies need help too, Mr Harrison maintains. "Many of the child aggressors we've spoken to hurt others because they are scared someone is going to hit them, so they get in first. A child bully can grow into an adult bully who is

fearful person." The ChildLine Bullying Line is sponsored by the charitable Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which is also funding a booklet pubhished today entitled Bullying: A Positive Response (subtitled "Advice for Parents, Governors and Staff in Schools"). One of the authors, Mr Delwyn Tattum, points out that bullying often peaks at the end of primary school and the

beginning of secondary edu-cation, but then declines gradually: "You can't say it's more prevalent in a certain kind of school, although boys tend to bully physically whereas girls do it verbally and through the exclusion of others."

Mr Tattum and his coauthor, Mr Graham Herbert, note that victims do not always confide in their parents, although tell-tale signs include refusal to go to school, upset tummies, asking for extra money or returning home with clothes or possessions missing.

"Worried parents should see the school teacher, and if he proves unsatisfactory, the governors or even the chief education officer at the local anthority," says Mr Tattum. "We give advice, too, to schools on how to establish a discipline procedure policy for bullies."

The Bullying Line might also put parents in touch with Kidscape, the charity promoting children's safety that issues fact sheets with other helpful suggestions.

The Bullying Line Freephone number is 0800 010 390. Organizers suggest trying at weekends or early afternoon to avoid queues. After April, advice will still be available on the ChildLine number: 0800 1111.

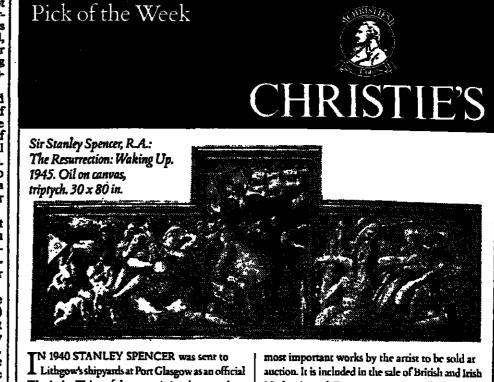
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they are going to live much

Rugged styles in fancy fabrics: Fashion Editor Liz Smith reports from Milan on the winter collections of real clothes - duffel coats and parkas - in the new, relaxed mood



War Artist. Tiring of the commission, he turned to the Resurrection, a theme he had touched on in 1924 at Cookham. Now setting the subject in a Port Glasgow cemetry, he executed a series of works where attention to detail and the monumentality of the figures projected his powerful personal vision. This painting, in the same collection since its purchase at the Royal Academy in 1950, is one of the

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Driving a way into Europe Better roads, Britain's distribution industry Britain's distribution industry Britain's distribution industry Britain's distribution industry

Britain's distribution industry is all set to take advantage of the new opportunities opening up in Europe. Industrial editor

Derek Harris reports

ritain's distribution industry - the most developed among the 12 nations of the European Community, with only Holland thriving to a comparable degree in its similarly deregulated market — has been making good headway in battling for its share of a single European market estimated to be worth more than £50 billion in turnover annually. A wave of acquisitions by British companies in mainland Europe has been matched by further growth there by the British.

Yet now the prospects become even headier as the potential growth in trade from eastern bloc countries looks likely vastly to expand the European market for moving goods around. Clearly such a build-up of the eastern trade will not come quickly, but there could be surprises even here, as politicians talk ever more seriously of offering the eastern bloc countries associate status in the EC, leading to full membership if they should want it.

Yet even before the eastern bloc changes, the industry was looking to a possible growth in the single market's distribution needs of eventually half as much again on top of a likely 1992 base of about £81 billion.

A number of British companies have been establishing strong bridgeheads recently by ac-quisition. The P&O Group, of which Sir Jeffrey Sterling is chairman and which is already, with its seagoing interests, one of Europe's largest transport groups, has for £45 million bought a West German trucking and river freight operation which Sir Jeffrey sees as 'a key strategic development" on which P&O plans to build either by acquisition or organic growth.

The strategy is to have a strong presence in the industrial corridor running from Rotterdam to the Rhine and Germany - "the engine room of manufacturing in Europe", as Sir Jeffrey describes it. Others in the industry point to Germany, with the most heavily regulated road transport system, as being a likely battleground for everybody as licensing freedom there starts begins. As well as the British the well-organized Dutch, and the Belgians and French, see Germany as a natural expansion ground for them.

BET, the services conglomerate, has also been active in the mainland Europe transport mar-ket. Among its latest acquisitions have been a Dutch-based transport and a French trucking company. BET has also been eyeing expansion in Germany.

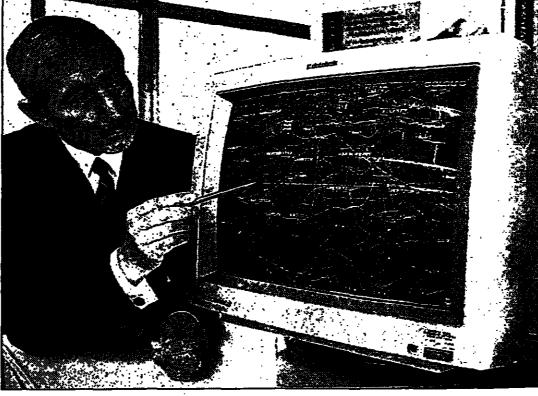
TNT, the Australian-based distributor which came to Britain in the late 1970s with plans to use it as a springboard for Europe, has so far expanded into 16 European countries operating both road and air networks. Its first continental acquisition, of a Dutch road transport company, was in 1983. In the past two years the size of TNT's European operation has

Amother Australian-based group, Brambles, has been buying up continental businesses, transportation companies among them.

The organic growth approach is being followed by an increasing number of British companies. Edinburgh-based Christian Salveson, which built its reputation on frozen and chilled food distribution, has taken its expertise abroad, among its contracts being one with the big French hypermarkets chain, Carrefour.

LEP, which has a speciality in distributing car parts, has bought out a German operation with a similar speciality. A warning note comes from

Alan Jones, managing director of TNT Express (UK), who points out that as British interests take their trucks on to continental roads, there will be more European-based hauliers coming over to Britain, especially as cabotage freedom grows to pick up return loads after making an international delivery.



Mr Pat Howes with Securicar's new computer tracking system: purcels can be located to within 50 yards

Like many other industry leaders John Farrant, of NFC European distribution services, forecasts substantial consolidations of road transport interests in Europe as the single market approaches. NFC, Britain's biggest freight and distribution group, is seeking suitable candidates for acquisition to develop homegrown products, said Mr Farrant. The group has some activities in Europe already, the Pickford's house removals chain being wellestablished there, and there is also

ritish distribution companies should clearly be able to exploit the knowhow built up in contract distribution servicing of big chains, notably grocers with superstores around Britain. Often running the warehouses forms part of the contracts.

a parcels delivery network.

Wincanton, part of Unigate and with a large-scale interest in chilled food distribution, has a couple of key European acquisitions already, both Dutch. One is Spronsen, in chilled food distribution, and the other Ebrex, a freight forwarder with a Europewide chain for goods such as fruit Perishables, with their limited

"time window" for delivery and sale. call for close quality controls, said Charles Lawrence, managing director of Wincanton Distribution Services. Health concerns over food have underlined this

As much care has to be lavished on cut flowers and potted plants, both specialities of Wincanton. Cut flowers need cooler temperatures than other plants, and for both humidity levels have to Mr Lawrence says: "Perishables

is clearly a massive market segment, and exotics in fruit and vegetables as well as the flowers represent a growing share." Wincanton's main focus is to bring together international supplies of perishables, mainly through the highly organized Dutch speciality markets.

Wincanton links growers or importers with retailers. "This system is transferrable into the mainland Europe retail system," Mr Lawrence says. "We want to build up a comparable network there." He forecasts annual growth rates of about 20 per cent. Among new techniques in dis-

tribution which are being proved in the UK are systems for keeping track of goods including parcels.

An example is the Datatrak system used by Securicor, which claims market leadership among private sector parcels operators in the UK.

It is outpaced only by the stateowned Royal Mail parcels opera-tion. The heightened competition in parcels has just been underlined by the Royal Mail's branding of its operation as Parcelforce, which is linked to an £80 million investment brogramme.

Mr Pai Howes, chief executive of Securicor Express Parcels, has found that customers increasingly want to know the status of a parcel delivery. "It is a management tool for them," he explained. Datatrak. used especially in big conurbations, tracks parcel progress by bar codes on goods which are read frequently on a system which is part of Securicor's £10 million investment in computerization.

Mr Howes said: "At the punch of a button we can tell the customer where a parcel is. If it is aboard a delivery vehicle we can pinpoint that to within 50 yards." Changed instructions can be relayed to a delivery vehicle via a printer in its cab.

Mr Howes sees the new systems increasingly flowing into continental Europe.

Britain will be out of step with the rest of the European Community in July as the Irish Republic scraps a 38-tonne ceiling on what its trucks may carry in favour of a 40-tonne maximum (Derek Harris writes).

This higher limit is unlikely to be adopted in Britain before 1999 - yet already some Community countries on the European mainland have a 44-tonne limit. The reason for the 1999 date given by the Transport Department is that only by then will all bridges on Britain's roads have been sufficiently strengthened to take the heavier loads, or simply rebuilt because that is what is needed.

British transport interests suspect there is also a more political factor in this apparent dragging of feet in harmonizing with Europe. The industry claims that only 10 per cent of Britain's bridges need strengthening to carry the addi-tional weights, and says that if 40tonne trucks were restricted to selected and designated routes harmonization could be achieved much earlier.

Environmentalists rightly worry over growth in road traffic but heavier loads seem to stir as much anxiety, even though past experi-ence has shown, logically, that bigger loads mean fewer trucks. The transport industry wants a

higher maximum because larger oads mean greater efficiency. Britain's Freight Transport Association compares Birmingham and Hamburg operators each making 1,000-tonne deliveries to Italy, over about the same distance. The Birmingham operator. observing the lower limit, would make three more truck journeys than his Hamburg counterpart. This not only pushes up costs but also adds to congestion on British

The irony is, as the association points out, that the 38-tonne limit does not produce smaller trucks, because manufacturers build for Europe as a whole. The British operator simply cannot fill his

The association believes the industry cannot wait until 1999 for changes in Britain and that the Government must act before then in the interests of fairness to British operators.

Britain's transport industry is also at a disadvantage by being tied to lower weights for trailers hauled on drawbars by trucks, but against that the length of units forming part of an articulated truck configuration is being ex-tended by about a metre to 16.5 metres next January.

Various detailed changes are proposed, and when they are introduced savings are likely to range from 10 to nearly 13 per cent. But British handlers say that until all the anomalies are re-moved they will be fighting with one hand behind their backs.

The cabouse rules are still restricting competition within the European Community, Until recently a baulier delivering into another country was forced to return empty, banned from pick-ing up return loads that would have made more economic sense of the journey.

A half-way house to complete ! freedom has been reached with an agreement to allow foreign hand iers to make two haulage trips within the country where the main international delivery is made.

At NFC, the former National Freight Consortium, which is the market leader in freighting and distribution in Britain, John Farrant, the transport division European development director, says a number of costs are different between Community countries. Britain is worse off on vehicle excise duties and diesel fuel taxation. But VAT is less for British operators.

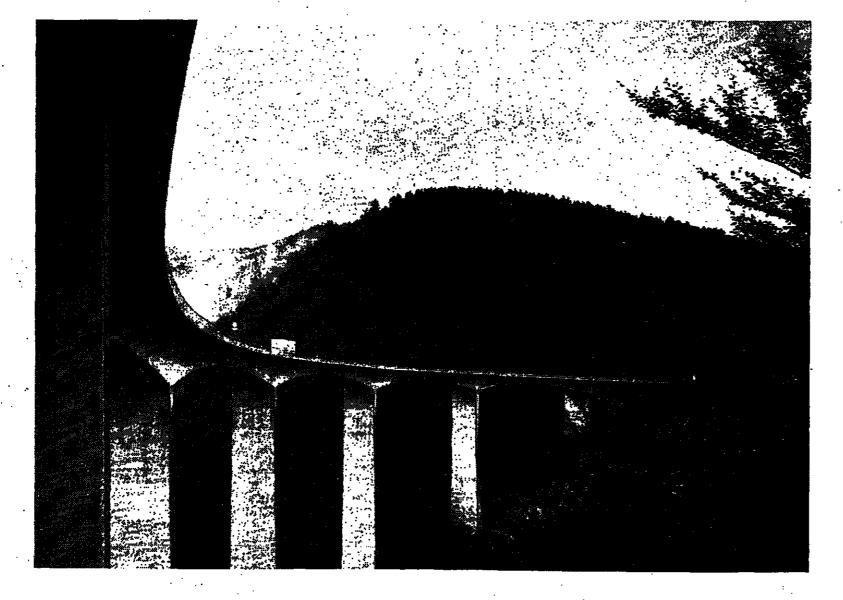
Traffic congestion is also under attack from the transport industry. It is so severe that it could reduce the benefits British companies could gain from the single market. Alan Jones, at TNT argues. He believes that key motorways such as the MI and the M25 need to be widened - and that extra routes should be constructed, including a new north-south motorway, better east-west links and a new orbital motorway around London.

Mr Jones argues that access roads to the Channel Tunnel on the British side need to be upgraded extensively. He says: The French are investing heavily. Maybe we should take a leaf out of their book. They pay compensation for compulsory purchase of property of 120 per cent of the market value. If we did this, roads would be more welcome by those affected."

Mr Jones believes most motorways need a fourth crawler lane on uphill gradients and for the first mile from an entry point, and that many A roads also need to be upgraded to dual carriageway standards to take an overflow from the motorways.



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ads Growth by contract on the beginning were one-stop warehousing, transport because they'll lose control." Outside retail, the con-

n the beginning were haulage and storage; then there was distribution. Distribution then developed into "contract dis-tribution", as major thirdparty operators began to provide blue-chip retail groups and manufacturers with a warehousing, transport and supply chain management service. The total European distribution services market is estimated to be worth £50 billion, With about 25 per cent of that figure accounted for by contract distribution.

It's a rapidly growing sco-tor of the distribution services industry, with the 'dedicated' side of the business growing faster than the 'consolidated' side, says Rob Coates a consultant and transport specialist at Touche Ross Planned Warehousing

A dedicated operation is one where a distribution ser-vices, company, sets, up an operation entirely for one client, usually a retailer, consolidated contract distribution provides a shared service among a number of different clients. According to a recent sur-

vey of transport users pub-lished in Motor Transport magazine, sevenue from con-tract distribution activities is increasing at the rate of 47 per cent a year, although this figure is challenged by logistics consultants such as Martin White, of Coopers and Lybrand Deloitie: "Contract listribution has taken a knock. recently mainly because of the downburn in the retail trade. I would think growth is more like 20 per cent a year."

The performance of a leading operator such as TNT Contract Distribution is indicative. The company started in quired for large central contract distribution in the warehousing and transport UK in 1986, with eight clients fleets, and the need for highly and a turnover of £10.5 skilled logistics management

and supply chain management

services are now on offer

million. Today the company and complex information has 31 clients and a turnover technology systems. There of £52 million and its projecflons for 1991 envisage 40 clients and a £78 million turnover. The company is a "third-party distributor" for such well-known names as Budgen, MFI, Thermalite, Ford, Rover, Boddingtons, Lever Brothers and Cow &

NFC is clearly the market leader in distribution, with something like £500 millionior operators include Christian Salvesen, Transport Development Group, United Transport, BOC Transhield, Wincanton, Cory, Excel Logistics, Tibbett and Britten, Glass Glover, Hays, P&O - through various subsidiaries and Express Distribution.

Contracting out allows manufacturers to concentrate their energies on their core activities of production and marketing. One noticeable development in this area has been the management buyout. Major moves by in-house distribution teams in this direction have included Lowfield parting company with Hanson, ICI and Knwait Petroleum selling off transport operations and Geest selling to Applied Distribution.

The opportunity for specialist companies to handle the distribution requirements of major manufacturers and retailers also arose because of the capital investment retechnology systems. There was also the attraction for many companies of increasing the rate of return on capital by using contract distribution to obtain off-balance sheet

Traditionally, supply chains contained a number of players manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers — all operating in isolation with no knowledge of each other's inventories. This meant lots of stock, uneven demand, and fairly poor transport links," Mr. White says.

"Splitting out logistics costs transport, warehousing, associated administration, inventory cost - from a company's manufacturing costs, we see manufacturing costs, we see manufacturing costs as a percentage of sales coming down while logistics costs are going up. What's driving that is a trend towards pan-European manufacturing. You can see companies going for focus' factories, getting manufacturing costs down and then being prepared to spend more on distribution."

Mr White sees interesting developments ahead as endusers and contractors dispute whose systems should be allowed to control the supply chain. "The big retailers, who have led the use of contract distribution, control the chain by putting their own systems into the depots - that's bow they manage their contractors. The last thing they want is to information technology sys- of us." tems to run the operation,

tractors have been very smart in supplying contract distribution incorporating their own systems. They learned that from the retailers and they're now applying it to less sophis-

According to Mr White there are not many more contracts to be won in the UK retail area and operators are having to turn elsewhere - to Europe, to North America and to other UK market sectors. With this in mind, TNT has

established a European operation. "Europe is set to experience a third- party dis-tribution explosion," declares Brian Bolam, general manager, TNT Contract Distribution (Europe).

Nevertheless, the operators are not getting it all their own way. "A lot of contracts are

now coming up for renewal and even if rates are getting a bit of a hike - because originally there was an element of naivety about what was required — buyers are now taking a hard-noted look at what's on offer," says Touche Ross's Mr Coates. "Obviously, contractors aren't run-ning distribution for fun and if retailers and manufacturers could get it right themselves, their costs should be the same, less the profit element."

Despite this slight touch on

the brakes, the contract distribution industry's optimism remains high. Nevertheless, success brings its own problems. Echoing the concerns of leading companies, David Roberts, divisional commercial manager of TNT Contract Distribution, says, "Constant attention will have to be devoted to quality of service. We must not let the escalating allow the contractors' growth of business get ahead

Anthony Cox



Fast forward for freight

warding services, where the forwarder simply acts as a broker on behalf of the shipper and buys in resources as and when requir are being overtaken by the growing liberalization which will change customs clearance procedures, the trend towards es, the trend towards phisticated distribufrom express carriers such as Federal Express, DHL and TNT with their integrated door-to-door services (An-

thony Cox writes).

Traditionally, for the customs clearance of a price of freight moving internationally the forwarders used a thirdparty broker. The time taken by the forwarder receiving the documentation from the carrier, passing it to the broker, the broker doing the clearance, the forwarder then going to the carrier to collect the goods, getting an out-of-charge note for the goods to be released, and so on, was - and is - very

lengthy," says David Wilcock, a niche or for diversification," says Mr White, who neverthe-international Business Di-less still sees a role for the vision of Federal Express.

"Clearance is part of our overall system. The goods arriving on our own aircraft are cleared by our own brokerage services and are delivered by our own ground operation — a very rapid

According to Martin White, a logistics specialist with Coo-pers and Lybrand Deloitte, The whole raison d'être for freight forwarding, particularly in Europe, is disappear-

ket is now characterized by takeovers, with the big getting bigger and the amail disring. In order to survive, the freight forwarders are having to buy trucks and warehouses and offer customers value-added benefits in addition to the simple transportation of goods.

"They now have to look for

traditional freight forwarder, particularly into the Pacific rim and Africa, where trade barriers are not coming down and where an express carrier cannot clear goods any quicker than a freight

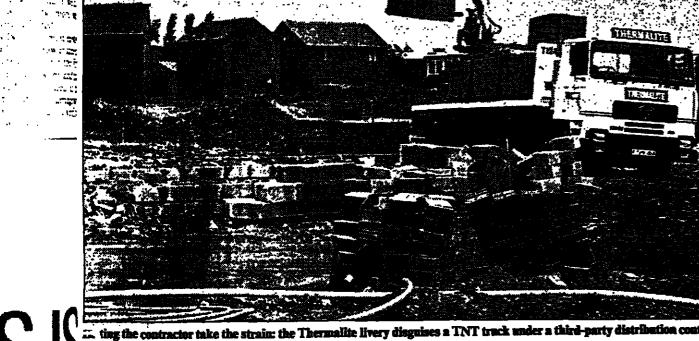
The crosson of trade for the forwarder has been at the small end of the business, which is where the express carriers continue to swoop. They have attacked the lessthan-100kg end of the market because at that level they have not had to invest heavily in the mechanics of handling.

"Our analysts of the air eight market shows that at least 60 per cent of the traffic is of piece sizes of less than 50kg. We see a major opportunity here to grow significant revenue," says Chris King, DHL's marketing manager.

"Every time you visit a forwarder these days he'll tell

per consignment is going up and he's quite delighted about that. That's happened because the express business has taken a one-ton consolidated load. which the forwarder would have moved as a one-ton load, broken it down into 100 smaller parcels, sold them all individually – and made a lot more money than the freight forwarder," says Mr Wilcock, whose company operates the world's largest air freight fleet, with 320 aircraft.

The interests of the air cargo companies at the London airports - Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted - will be repre-sented by a new group called the Air Cargo Agents Executive, which has been formed by the British International Freight Association and Agency Section Management. A working group is at present formulating the group's constitution, and will make its recommendations by the end



ting the contractor take the strain: the Thermalite livery disguises a TNT truck under a third-party distribution contract

Getting the timing

Craffic congestion is one tribution's divisional general of the major problems manager.

Which must be admust be addressed in 1990. We would like to see a major improvement in roads; but the marketplace will always find its own way of getting around problems and other systems will emerge," says Alan Jones, managing director of TNT Express (UK), her a care

(Anthony Cox writes). Optimistic words, but then the distribution industry is one where creative solutions abound. The key to improving the efficiency of the distribu-In process is to be found in

Just-in-Time (III), a system which delivers only when required, is one of the key concepts in modern logistics planning. Its application by the Rover Group, for example, working in conjunction with TNT Contract Distribution, allows for the holding of minimal stocks at the Longbridge car plant, with the benefit of significant savings in costs along the supply

In its contract with Rover, TNT is responsible for managing a distribution centre close Longbridge and for feeding components direct to the production lines, to tightly controlled schedules, as and when they are required. Computerized communications play a major part in the

The evolution of the Rover JIT system will see the distribution contractor collecting components direct from manufacturers and then delivering them direct to the production line, by-passing the contractor's warehouse.
The application of JIT re-

quires a parmership between involved. The consequences of a failure to supply - a production line stoppage - could be catastrophic. The provision of true JIT systems is best bandled by organizations with real depth of resources," warms Paul

serves as a case study of how specialist distribution firms serve the needs of their customers beyond the simple transportation of goods. The growth of such services is explained by the rise of logistics management, although, "logistics" is a buzzword which some experts would reject.

"Logistics is a word borrowed from the military. In commerce we get fairly close to some aspects of its military applications, but our real concern is really with the supply chain. In commerce we are much more into 'supply chain management' than we are into 'logistics'," says Rob Coates, a member of the 50-strong professional and technical team at Touche Ross Planned Warehousing, which is the distribution and logistics division of Touche Ross Management Consultants.

Martin White, a logistics consultant at the competing firm of Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte, agrees — despite his job title. The big thing at the moment is supply chain control, supply chain optimiza-tion, in which the real trends are being driven by the retail chains who are trying to maintain their net margins of 6-7 per cent in a market which is not showing any great signs

Information technology is central to improving the productivity of the supply chain, and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) to allow computer to speak unto computer is at the top of the distribution industry's

Providers and users of distribution services will need EDI technology in order to interface with other links in the supply chain, such as associate partner at Touche electronic point of sale sys- Ross, one of the major players tems and stock control and in distribution services warehousing operations, and consultancy.



Michael Willis, Touche Ross: "Distribution is a growth area" from 1992 distribution

specialists will need a link, via their own member-state mainframe computers, to the Brussels computer which will control payments of duties, VAT and the collection of statistical information relating to shipments imported or exported within the EC.

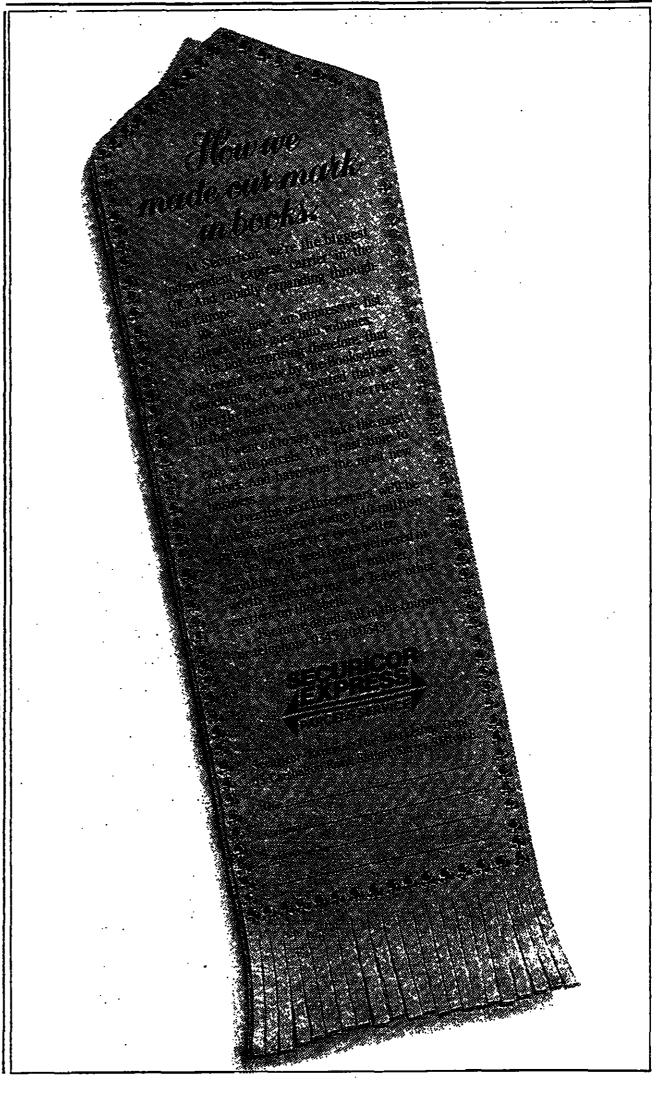
"We're on our way with EDI. It's like bar-coding. I started working on bar-coding with a manufacturer in 1961 and nothing happened for decades, then suddenly it was everywhere. I think the same will happen with EDL," says Mr Coates.

Advice on such matters can be bought in from the industry's consultants. " It's a growth business at the moment," says Michael Willis, an

"Take polystyrene and com flakes, for example. They've got little value but they have to be moved around in great big boxes. That's where people like me come in, because the cost of moving them is such a high percentage of their

Mr Willis recalls that about 20 years ago one did not find distribution specialists within companies, except, perhaps for the occasional ex-lorry driver put in charge of sending out goods.

"It's only recently that dismibution has become more scientific, following the need to reduce overheads further." he says. "During the days of time and motion, for example, every machine in a factory was time-and-motioned to see that it produced an extra five cans an hour, but then those cans



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Delivering the goods

Rodney Hobson reports on training for distribution

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managers

he changing image of the distribution manager is making enormous demands for training of fledg-ling executives. As Keith Taylor, director of training and personnel at the Freight Transport Association explains: "Historically it was the type of area where people progressed to, or were put into, in the twilight of their careers. That is now very clearly changing."

To tackle the need for a more professional approach. the FTA runs a series of four one-week courses at its management training centre at Wadsworth, East Sussex, just seven miles from the FTS headquarters in Tunbridge

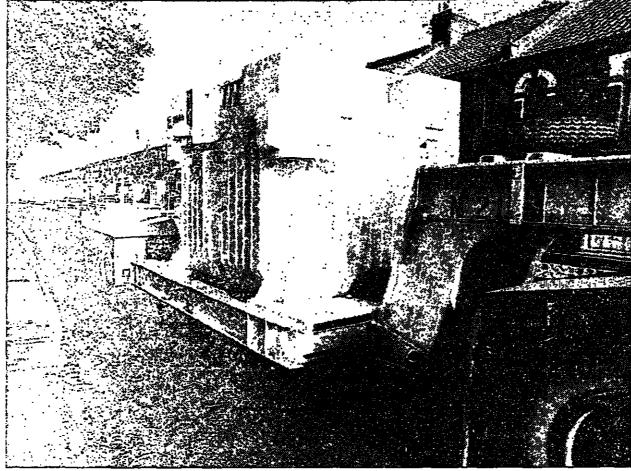
Two of the weeks concentrate specifically on transport management and warehouse management and can be taken on their own, but a full four-part course is available

Mr Taylor says there is a steady flow of applications for the courses at the 29-bed residential centre, with a typical applicant already having gained work experience in a managerial role at his

Other leaders in the field include the Road Transport Industry Training Board, which runs residential courses at Telford and Edinburgh.

The board is one of six industrial training boards asked to put forward preposals for reorganization under a government White Paper. It is to become a nonstatutory independent company next year.

Cranfield Institute of Technology offers a two-year executive course leading to the MSc and also shorter courses of one week or three days for small groups of no more than 12. Demand is picking up, the



Dengerous cargo: transporting nuclear waste through residential areas demands careful planning by distribution managers

Professional qualifications are offered by two institutions, the Chartered Institute of Transport and the Institute of Logistics and Distribution.

Mr Taylor says there is a shortage of the professional type of manager that has come mere into demand in recent years. The need is for more graduates to be equipped to tackle distribution alongside those training for other man-

agerial positions in industry. The FTA's courses are very much "hancs on" and include care studies. They deal with subjects such as here to route and schedule vehicles, long maintenance, industrial relations, buying or hiring transport from a third party and budgeting and costing.

The FTA also trains 600 people every year for the certificate of professional

tive, to operate a transport

Held at locations around the country, it tackles items such as drivers' hours, tachographs and social legislation for example redundancy Industry is at last realizing how much the competent

distribution manager needs to know. At one end of the spectrum there is fleet repair maintenance, and the FIA offers short courses on workshop supervision. But the manager must also be able to specify the type of vehicle needed. He may need, for example, to transport temperature-controlled goods. washing machines or

The spread of international trade has spawned specialist courses in export practice and competence needed, under a European Community direction manager needs to understand

customs documentation and conditions of carriage in foreign countries. He must have a grasp of the financial implications of exporting goods and operating goods vehicles

Changes make demands on this year. One looks at the carriage of dangerous goods by all modes of transport: road, rail, air or sea. The other is a two-day course dealing with "cold chain management" the transport by road of food products, an emotive subject in the wake of last year's food

seminars at various centres around UK to bring managers up-to-date on revised rules by the International Chamber of Commerce for importers and

exporters.
The trainers have to be alive

to political directives from Westminster and Brussels and the advent of the single European market is adding a new

The FTS took a group of 100 members on a study tour to France in 1988 to look at the trainers, too. The FTS is customs procedures, setting running two topical courses up depots in northern France. up depots in northern France, employing French people, renting and buying sites and tax implications. The aim was to help to produce a breed of distribution manager who could set up an operation to service Europe.

The successful operation was repeated last year with a visit to Lille. This year there In April the FTA starts a will be a study group to programme of 11 one-day Rotterdam as well as France. It will teach managers how to get goods to Holland in the first place and look at the various methods of transport, including inland waterways. to give access to the rest of the EC — and beyond.

Part and parcel

he parcels market is now stabilizing, and reasserting the importance of providing its cus-tomers with a reliable service.

Last month Royal Mail name — to Parcelforce — and an £80m investment pro-gramme to separate its collec-

tion and delivery operations from Royal Mail Letters. With a 30 per cent share, and 95 per cent of its work coming from the business sector, Parcelforce is the clear leader in the £1.5bn UK parcel distribution market, which is part of a world market for air cargo currently worth £1 ibn and forecast to grow to £35bn. by 1995, with 70 per cent of it express traffic.

Parcelforce's new name reflects its need to establish its independence within the Post Office so that it can reinforce its position in a fiercely competitive environment.

Although Parcelforce claims to have 1,000 competitors, Martin White, a distribution specialist with Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte, says: "The work we've done suggests that there are about 20 national parcel companies in the UK cent-plus market share - and that tails off fairly fast. The looked for before the speed."

top four or five have probably got 60 per cent market share." Red Star, for example, carries about 7 million parcels a year, Securicor 1.4 million a week.

According to Rob Coates, a distribution consultant with Touche Ross, "Parcels is an area where you've got to be big to be credible, and those that are big are very, very big and have invested a lot of money."

Parcels operators find comparisons odious cach laims to be the market leader in one sector or another. "It's easy to draw direct comparisons between DHL, TNT, Royal Mail, UES and Federal Express, but we all occupy quite discrete markets. I don't see any head-on conflicts with other major carriers, even though we're competing for similar business," says Chris

King, marketing manager of

ompetitive environment.

"There is no room for complacency," says Nick Nelson, Parcelforce's managing director.

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There is no room for complace in the distribution needs of blue chip companies, particularly in the European arena with 1992 and the breaking down of the Soviet bloc. The tendency is towards the continu-

ous flow of material through a "We're getting many ap-proaches from high-tech-related companies to move that's people with half-a-per- material fast and reliably and it's reliability that's

Priority Services, has ob-served a high level of cus-tomer disatisfaction with small parcel services comently available. Last month, FedEx made its own challeng

redistribution in the small parcels market.

Parcelforce. Parceline and Securior by Jaunching a new business delivery service promising delivery within 24. promising delivery within 2 hours for parcels under 25kg. Mr White agrees with the recent surveys show that with parcels the number one purchasing criteria is reliabil-ity, second is price and third is speed. One of the key factors underlining piedges of delivery is massive investment in information technology, but

this carries a sting in its tail. There's a lot of emphasi placed on tracking and trac-ing, and the reason for this is that delivery performance is unreliable. Get reliable service and you don't actually have to invest in tracking and tracing.

People are still falling short of expected service levels. Some where around 10 per cent of demestic parcels don't arrive within the expected time and that's for express and guaranteed services. Mr White says

Anthony Cox

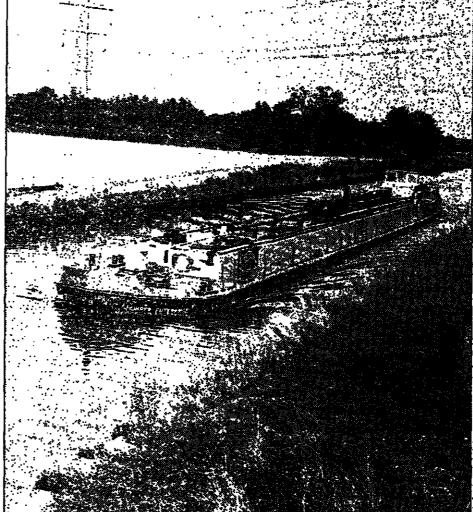


No room for complacency: Nick Nelson, managing director of Royal Mail's new Parcellance

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Return to the water Getting



again on Britain's in-land waterways (Rod-ney Holson writes). Although the amount of goods transported by boat is small compared with road and rail transport, there are signs that the low point for the country's canals and rivers is past.

British Waterways, the largest authority controlling canals and rivers, reckons it shipped 5.3 million tons last year — a 16 per cent increase over two years — out of a national total of about 32 million tons. Other waterways come

under the control of port authorities or under companies listed on the stock exchange such as Associated British Ports and the Manchester Ship Canal. Conservancy bodies are mainly responsible for river estuaries, although Associated British Ports operates in the Humber

and lower Trent.
Inland waterways these days mean thinking big; big customers and big cargoes. 250 and 600 tons, compared with 25 tons on traditional

The traffic is flowing again on Britain's inland waterways (RodHoison writes). Although amount of goods transamount of goods trans-

have access to waterways,

Clearly waterways are still

road transport at one or both

ends of the journey.
Bringing more inland chan

nels up to standard for freight will not be easy or cheap, but Mr Phillips says British Waterways has investigated several possibilities and had

discussions with local

build a new canal from the Selby coalfield in Yorkshire to Eggborough power station. A

feasibility study into shipping 5 million tons of ceal a year has been carried out and talks

detailed study will be commis

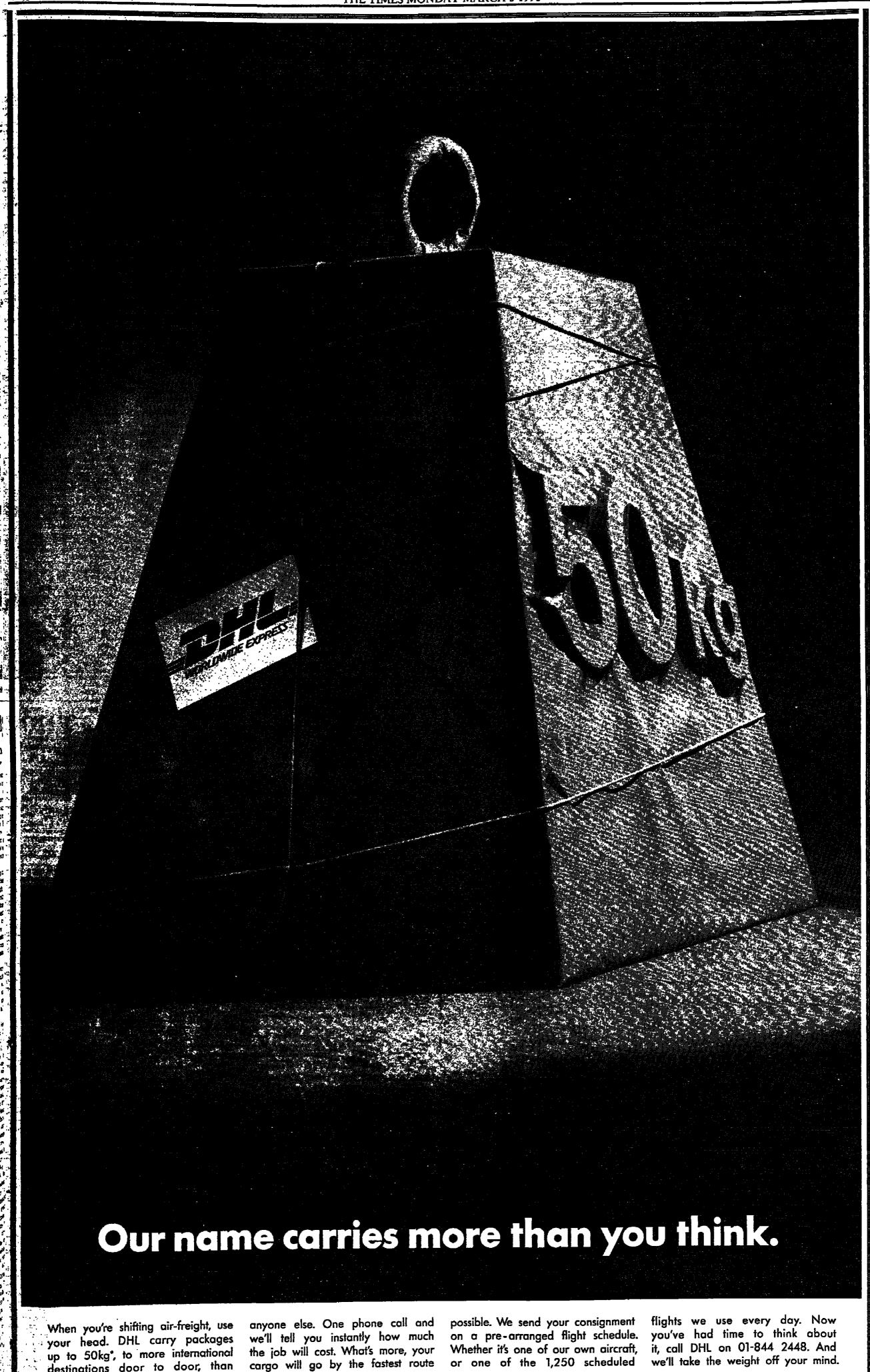
Petrofina.

"We look for a large volume of regular business," says Tim Phillips, commercial marketing manager at British Waterways. That means canals and rivers have to reach minimum: standards to cope with heavy traffic. British Waterways has 2,000 miles under its control, but only 400 miles can be used by craft offering a competitive

About three-quarters of its tonnage is in Humberside and Yorkshire, serving Sheffield, Rotherham, Leeds, York and Wakefield, where business has increased 21 per cent over the past three years.

Also keeping busy is the Weaver in Cheshire, which takes small ocean-going vessels, the Sharpness canalthe Caledonian canal.

Despite the concentration of freight traffic, Mr Phillips



destinations door to door, than

*50kg to Europe and the United States. 30kg to the rest of the world.

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best of the new films in London and on release

ART EXHIBITIONS David Lee

NEW IN LONDON

RICHARD KIDD: New abstract paintings comprising broad swathes of decorative colour which resemble overlapping

Mayor Rowan Gallery, 31a Sruton Place, W1 (01-499-3011). Mon-Fri 10zm-5.30pm, Sat 10em-1pm, free, until Mar 29. From today.

IN NEW ORLEANS: Inoffensive watercolours of Old South, "French" architecture by Paul Webb. Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, W1 (01-499 6870). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm, free, until Mar 29. From

ALISON WATT: New figurative paintings by a young Glaswegian artist whose portrait of the Queen Mother for the National Portrait Gallery caused controversy last year. Scottish Gallery, 28 Cork Street, W1

(01-287 2121). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Mar 31. From Wad. FAKE? THE ART OF DECEPTION: The faking of art from all periods, from

"wrong" Etruscan sculptures via modern "medieval" artefacts to bogus Keatings and Hockneys: a rare opportunity to see Van Meegeren's Vermeer fakes. See picture caption. British Museum. Great Russell Street. WC1 (01-636 1555) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.20-6pm, £3, until Sept 3.

HENRI MANGLIN (1874-1949): Paintings, pastels, drawings and watercolours by a major/minor French

JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, W1 (01-493 2630). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until Apr 12. From Wed.

NOW FOR THE FUTURE: Purchases made since 1984 for the Arts Council's collection which, because of its limited resources, is forced to buy the work of cheap unknowns in the hope that they make good; a system which has led to some blue chip speculative investments not to mention a few mistakes. Also: In Our Time, the world as seen by Magnum photographers. Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, SE1 (01-261 0127). Daily 10am-6pm, £4,

until May 6. From Thurs. JOHN MONKS: Recent works, depicting mainty still-lifes and odd, apparer insignificant comers of the artist's

studio, by arguably the best young figurative painter in Britain. Peton Gellery, 2 Langley Court, WC2 (01-379 7854). Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, free, until Apr 7. MARK REICHERT: Recent expressionist

paintings about what this gifted artist describes as "the bleakest, most solitary moments one knowa"; an artist whose work deserves to be better Christopher Huti Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, SW1 (01-235 0500). Mon-Fri

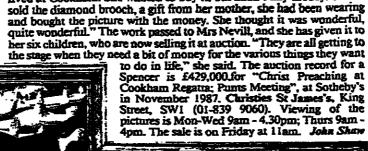
10am-6om, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until er 30. From Fri. **OUTSIDE LONDON**

THE SUBJECTIVE CITY: Paintings by artists such as Lucy Jones, Peter Howson and Jock McFadyen who explore the seedler realit enme of their less fortunate inhabitants. Tumpike Gallery, Civic Square, Leigh

She sold her diamonds to own it

£650 in 1950, is expected to make more than £500,000 at Christies sold the diamond brooch, a gift from her mother, she had been wearing A £650 in 1950, is expected to make more man 200,000 set in a on Friday. The Resurrection; Waking Up, a triptych set in a cemetery, measures 30 inches by 80 inches overall and is taken from the famous Port Glasgow Resurrection series, which was painted during the Second World War. Its first owner sold a family heirloom to raise the

purchase price. Shown at the Royal Academy in 1950, the painting attracted considerable attention. Among those who saw it was Mary Corble, a young artist who trained at the Slade School. Her daughter, Mrs Ann Nevill, described the occasion this week: "She absolutely fell in love with it at once, because she knew Spencer from when he





(0942 679407). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Set 10am-3pm, free, until Apr 7. From

EXPRESSION AND ENGAGEMENT: A survey of German painting selected from the permanent collection and featuring artists from Kirchner and Noide to Wild Painters Immendorf, Baselitz and Kiefer, who are among the most depressing but currently the highest paid artists in the West. Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223). Tues-Sun 11am-7pm, free, until Jan 13. From Wed.

ALBERT MARQUET (1875-1947): Freely colourful drawings and watercolours by an accomplished French artist and

Ewan Mundy Fine Art, 48 West George Street, Glasgow (041 331 2406). Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Mar 24. From Wed. CAMILLE PISSARRO: (1831-1903): An

important show of landscape, cityscape and rural labour as seen in paintings and drawings by the French Impressionist who also painted several views of Penge and Norwood. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square (021 235 2800). Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Apr 22. From Thurs.

THE PURSUIT OF THE REAL: British figurative painting from Sickert to Bacon, taking in Bomberg, Auerbach, Michael Andrews and other mentors of young artists contributing to the recent resurgence in figurative painting. Manchester City Art Gallery, Mosley Street (061 236 9422). Mon-Set 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Apr 22. From Set.

Paintings and collages of many layers by Barbara Freeman commemorating the life and death of the artist's mother. Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street. Selfast (0232 321402). Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Mar 31. From Thurs. STEVEN CAMPBELL: New narrative and mythological paintings by one of the

DE HUMANI CORPORIS FABRICA:

first of the figurative artists who emerged from Glasgow School of Art in the 1980s to achieve commercial Third Eye Centre, 346 Sauchiehali Street, Glasgow (041 332 7521). Tues-Set 10am-5 30nm, free until Ac- 15 From Sat.

CHRISTOPHER WOOD (1901-1930): Paintings of harbours and Celtic landscapes from the last two years of this gifted, though depressive artist's life before he threw himself under a train at Salisbury Station. Kettles Yard, Castle Street, Cambridge

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(0223 352124). Tues-Sat 12.30-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Apr 29. From

AUCTIONS, SALES John Shaw

LONDON

VICTORIAN VALUES: Gothic revival cale table (est £1,000-£1,500) and good ks between from £1,500 to £3,000. desks bet Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, W1 (01-629 6602). Viewing today 9am-4pm. Sale Tues, 11am.

HOME AND ABROAD: Ancient English and foreign coins, including some from Dutch and Spanish wrecks, bank notes and commemorative medals. Christies St James's, King Street, SW1 (01-839 9060). Viewing today 9am-4pm. Sale Tues 10am.

CERAMICS: Jolly equestrian couple in green on piebald horses, a Staffordshire pair which sold for £7 at auction in 1919, ted to make £3,000-£5,000 tomorrow. Covetable early English and Continental ceramics. theby's, New Bond Street, W1 (01-

493 8080). Viewing today 9am-4.30pm. Sale Tues, 10.30am and 2.30pm. CHARMING CLAPHAM: Six coloured Ethograph views of the Common in 1825 (£800-£1,200). Also the Thames Embankment, Blackfriars and

minster Bridges, York Gate and landing piers (2500-2800). Christie's South Kensingto le's South Kensington. 85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (01-581 7611). Viewing today 1-7.30pm, tomorrow Sam-5pm, Wed 9-10am; sale 2pm.

STERLING SILVER: Numerous pairs of good candlesticks dot this sale; the most expensive are a George III silver gift set of four by John Scoffeld 1791 (£60,000-£80,000). Worth viewing, if only to see top quality things.
Christie's St James's (as above).
Viewing today Sam-4.30pm and Tues
until 4pm. Sale Wed 10.30am.

FINE AND RARE: Wines, spirits, vintage port and other vinous items including several silver corkscrews. Sotheby's (as above). Tasting Wed, Grosvenor Gallery, Bloomfield Pl New Bond Street, 9.45-10.30am followed by sale, 10.30am.

DINING DISPLAY: Good set of four Regency mahogany dining chairs (£1,000-£1,500); Georgian breakfront sideboard 6tt wide (£1,500-£2,000), among the English furniture prizes. Bonham's, Montpeller Street, Knightsbridge, SW7 (01-584 9161). Viewing today and tomorrow 8.45am-7pm, Wed until 6pm. Sale Thurs 2pm.

NOAK'S ARK: The animals went in two by two. This Victorian German version is filled with 32 pairs and 8 members of Noah's family, awaiting both the Flood and a buyer with between £200-£300. Toys and dolls galore. Bonham's Chelsea, 65-69, Lot's Road,

Fri 20m. RED ALERT: Ten Folland Gnat aircraft used by RAF Red Arrows; from £2,000-

London SW10 (01-351 7111). Viewing Wed 8.45em-6pm, Thurs until 5pm. Sale



Answers from page 24

(A); (b), and (c). A cat's paw is a very light breeze, such as that which troubled the temple pool at Bethesda; (b) someone inveigled into do-ing another's dirty work, like the cat in the adage that.

pulled the monkey's chest-outs out of the fire; and (c) a

serviceable hitch in a doe-bled rope, used to attach a cargo-sling to a hook. DOG'S NOSE

(b) Beer laced with gin, "a

right whore's drink", one of the many potables tried by the Pickwick Club.

DONKEY'S BREAKFAST

(a) A mattress or palliasse, like the Hollow Men,

stuffed with straw, ales; the soldier's mattress used to

come in three sections, each known as a biscuit.

(b) A lever used for cocking a crossbow. Two prongs on the base of a compound

GOAT'S FOOT

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By Raymond Keene,

Chess Correspondent

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How did he continue?

British Museum curator John Hore is seen (left) examining a "Spanish Inquisition Torture Chair", actually the product of many different hands over several centuries, combined in the last century to form a bogus antiquity. Although it has no authenticity as a complete whole, individual components , such as the iron bridle in our photograph, which can be dated to the late 17th

century in Spain, appear to be genuine instruments of torture. The chair, normally on display at the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill in South London, is temporarily on loan as part of the exhibition Fake? The Art of Deception (see listing), which includes more than 600 objects, from fine art to manuscripts, and opens at the British Museum on Friday.

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£3,000 for those in oper condition to £50,000-£70,000 for the best. Sotheby's, (as above). Viewing various RAF stations, check with auctionser. Sale at Grosvenor Gallery, Bloomfield Place, Bond Street, London W1, Fri

OUTSIDE LONDON

STOKE SELECTION: A Georgian walnut architect's table and a Victorian tilt-top breaklast table feature in this two-day event. Moorcroft, Doulton and Clarice Cliff among the ceramics. Louis Taylor, Britannia House, 10 Town Road, Hanley, Stoke-on Trent (0782 260

222). Sale today and tomorrow 10am. LINCOLN'S BEST: Sprawling 800-lot sale from Louis XV design commodes to art nouveau figures consigned from

Thomas Mawer & Son, 63 Monks Road, Lincoln (0522 524984). Viewing today 9,30em-4.30pm. Sale Tues and Wed,

BELLINGSHURST BONANZA: Possible

to spend a week here, from English and Continental furniture tomorrow to stery on Thursday. The Richard Old collection of architectural models is a highlight, feeturing masternieces of Ulm Cathedral (est £3,000-£5,000) and Milan Cathedraf (£4,000-£6,000) Sotheby's, Summers Place, Billingshurst, West Sussex (0403

783933). Viewing today 9.30am-4.30pm, Tues 9.30am-4.30pm. Sales: Tues, furniture 10am, models 1pm, bronzes 2pm; Wed, watches, clocks 10.30am; Thurs, jewellery, 10.30am. LEEDS LEADS: A 9-inch high Leeds-

ware coffee pot circa 1780 (est £600-£900) is among the ceramics which also include a Moorcroft Burlsem pomegranate jardiniera (£800-£1,200) and a swirty McIntyre flortanware vase (£350-£550) among 500 general lots. Hutchinson-Scott, The Grange, Marton La Moor, Ripon, Yorkshire (0423 324264). Viewing today 10am-5pm. Sale tomorrow, Town Half, Northalierton,

TOYTOWN: A German clock-work model of a skier by E.P. Lehmann (£800-£1,000) likely to be one of the stars in this toy sale Lawrence Fine Art, South Street, Viewing Tues 10am-7pm, Wed 10am-4.30pm. Sale Thurs 11am. Compiled by Kari Lloyd

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol +) on release across the country.

BLACK RAIN (18): Michael Douglas pursuing a Japanese gangster. Flashy portioner from director Ridley Scott. Cannon Fullishin Road (01-370 2636) Plaza (01-200 0200).

BLAZE (15): Paul Newman 43 politician Earl Long, defrantly in love with a stripper Colourful

Cennon Haymarket (01-839 1527) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Odeon Series Cottage (01-722 5905) Warner West End (01-439

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vielnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Camden Parkway (01-267 7034) Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772) Cannon Baker Street (01-353-372) Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Empire (01-200 0200) Gate (01-727 4043) Minema (01-235 4225) Screen on the Green (01-228 3520) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

♦ CASUALTIES OF WAR (18): Sean Penn commits Vietnamese atrocities; Michael J. Fox broods. Comparatively thoughtful war film from Srian De Palma. Cannon Oxford Street (01-630 0310).

DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but boisterous comedy-musical set in a Liverpool

Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096) Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148) Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366) Warner West End (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-

DO THE RIGHT THING (18): Flacial tension in Brooklyn; bracing militant entertainment from Spike Lee. Empire (01-437 1234).

DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chautteur (Morgan Freeman). Accomplished, endearing. Warner West End (01-439 0791).

A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Donald Sutherland wakes up to apartheid's horrors, Powerful thriller from André Brink's novel Curzon West End (01-439 4805).

FAMILY BUSINESS: Curate's egg comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman, Matthew Broderick). Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Odeon Kensington (01-602. 6644). Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

FELLOW TRAVELLER (15): Ron Silver as a tormented blacklist victim in 1950s England. Stylish. Metro (01-437 0757).

GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performance Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Whiteleys (01-792

HAMLET GOES BUSINESS (15): Caustic, updated Shakespeare filmed in 8-movie style by Finnish ester Aki Kaurisma Everyman (01-435 1525)

HENRY V (PG): War-is-hell version from Kenneth Branagh; cinematically drab, variably acted. Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9661) Barbican (01-638 8891).

♦ HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special effects romp. Odson Kensington (01-602 6644) Odeon West End (01-930 5252).

Odgon Swiss Cotings (01-722 5905) Odgon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Cannon Chelega (01-352 5096) Whiteleys (01-792 3303)

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15): Lorca a play about a widow and her six daughters; fine acting, tur faccus chama Première (01-436 4470)

& LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Raw, Skiffyl verson o'i Mubert Geby Jr. 5 raies o'i Brooklyn 3 toleless Cannon Totlenhem Ct.Rd (01-536

LIFE AND NOTHING BUT (PG): The empt-onal attermeth of World War One sensitively explored by director Sentrand Teverner. director Bertra Premiere (01-439 4470)

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MONKEY SHINES (18): Ugy nonsense about a quadric a numan-eating moraley Prince Charles (01-437 81811

OLIVER AND COMPANY (U): Cliver Twistrevemped and pic lo breid blawward beraman Disney values, modern trappings. Warner West End (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

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Whiteleys (01-792 3303) ♦ SEX, LIES AND VIDEOTAPE (18): Steven Soderbergh s deliciously poised study in human

deception and sexual frustrations. Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). ♦ SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Pauline College as the Liverpool

housewite rediscovering romance. Warm-hearted film. Cannon Futham Road (01-370) 2636) Empire (01-240 7200) Whiteleys (01-792 3303) ◆ STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG):

Female gossip and tears Down South. Overly-sentimental, though some performers please (Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis). Odeon Naymentet (01-639 7697) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Cannon Cheisea (01-352 5096) Whiteleys (01-792 3303). TROP BELLE POUR TO! (18): Gerard Departieu toys between his

wile and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Sertrand Blier. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742) Lumiere (01-836 0691) **◆ WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15):**

Romantic comedy with a battle touch. Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal. Cannon Piccadility (01-437 3561) Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644) Whiteleys (01-792 3303) Warner West End (01-439 0791). WHEN I FALL IN LOVE (15):

Synthetic life and loves of a football champ (Dennis Quaid) and his dutiful write (Jessica Lange). 836 8861).

WINTER PEOPLE (15): Fusty backwoods saga of leuding families and secret loves, with Kurt Russell and Kelly McGillis. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-536 6148).

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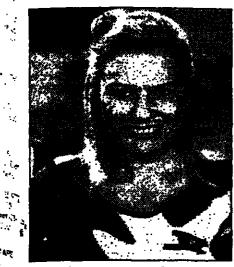
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 Jauntily presented by career woman and mother-of-three Pamela Stephen-Move Over Darling (BBC1, 10.10pm) is a five-parter, running through the week, on the prospects for women at home and at work during the 1990s. The fall in the number of school leavers means that nearly a million women will have to return to work in the next few years to fill the gap. But on what terms? Inferior jobs, poor pay, sexual harassment and nowhere to leave the children? The arguments of Move Over Darling are mostly familiar but they are presented in novel ways. In tonight's



Pamela Stephenson: examines women's roles in the 1990s (BBC1, 10.10pm)

programme a camera is hidden in a Manchester insurance office to observe the body language. Other wheezes include dressing a male actor as a woman to see how "she" is treated, wiring up a married couple to compare the stresses of being a housewife and an office worker and getting a chain store boss to change places for a day with his personal assistant. And there is the costing of a housewife's working week which comes out as the equivalent of two full time jobs and is worth £380. And just in case anyone thought that women were starting to move significantly into the top jobs, there is the reminder that 95 per cent of top civil servants and 97 per cent

of university professors are still men.

• Eurocops II (Channel 4, 10.00pm) is a second series of dramas intended to reflect the style of police work in the six European countries which produced them. Except that Spain has replaced France, the line-up is the same and so are the characters introduced in the first series. Which means that tonight's contribution from Britain is again based on George Jackson (John Benfield), the dour home counties detective with the alcoholic wife, now drying out in a detox unit. Billy Hamon's script, crisply directed by Roy Battersby, skilfully juggles the professional and the private. On incompetent junior and a sceptical boss as he follows through a tip-off about an impending armed robbery. Off duty, he tries to forget his personal troubles in an affair with a police widow. What Continental audiences (who are also seeing the series) will make of this insight into our police is difficult to judge. British viewers, though, should enjoy a brisk and well-made drama which makes no attempt to glamorize the job.

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Move over Darling: Working World (see Choice) Depressed by the death of his wife, Crockett goes under cover to Infiltrate a top-level mobsters' meeting. He survives an explosion but finds on his recovery of a ruthless drug dealer

ice Shop includes a report on the victims of the medical assessment procedure which prevents many from benefiting from attendance and mobility allowances 12.00 Weather

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10.00 News at Ten and weather 10.30 Themes News and weather

10.35 The Equalizer: Splinters. A subversive organization develops a mind-altering drug and uses Kostmayer as a decoy to trap McCall. Starring Edward Woodward

11.30 The Struggle for Democracy. Patrick Watson presents a new 13-part series which examines, democracy around the world — where

democracy around the world - where it came from, how it works, its weaknesses and its future prospect In this first episode, he travels to Greece and Africa in search of the roots of democracy.

12.00 I Spy: An American Express.

Vintage espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby, 1.00 Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis introduces more highlights of the

athletics meeting

2.00 News headlines followed by Film:
Someone Behind the Door (1971)
starring Charles Bronson, Anthony Perkins and Jill Ireland. A brain surgeon/osychiatrist finds out that his wife has a lover and determines to take his revenge.

4.00 News headlines followed by Sixty
Minutes. Interviews and
investigations from the United

SCOTTISH As London except-1.20pm Scotland Today 1.35 Film: Honokáti* 2.16 Weir's Way 2.30 -4.00 Sutivans 5.10-5.49 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 8.30-7.00 Take the 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

7.10 Open University: The Enlightenment — Strawberry Hill
8.00 News 8.15 Westminater
8.30 Ceetax
9.25 Daytime on Two Includes 10.40
Different beliefs and faiths 11.00
Toronto to Vancouver by train and 12.15 Russis under Stalin
2.00 News and weather followed by a learning to read series 2.15 Songs of Preise from Abergavenny (r). (Ceetax) 2.50 Behind the Screen to meet the Making Out team
3.00 News and weather followed by The Yellow River (r) 3.30 News, regional news and weather
4.00 The Diemond Geme. The first of a new series of word game presented by Anne Robinson

by Anne Robinson Plunder, Edwina Currie is asked by Emma Freud to choose favourite

m and television clips 5.00 The Historyman visits Castle Acre (r) 8.06 Film: Hitting a New High (1937, b/w) starring Lily Pons and Jack Oakle. A caberet singer hopes to Pleaster by Raoul star in opera. Directed by Raoul

6.30 DEF It begins with Snub TV.
Featuring the Blue Aeroplanes,
Wolfgang Press and Liverpool's
Kit and the Soup Oragons 7.00 Yo lug Jam. A Volkswagen emboree held at the Santa Pod

jarriborse held at the Santa Pod Raceway in Northamptonshire
7.30 Young Musician of the Year 1990. Flautist Philippa Devies conducts this week's masterclass
8.10 Horizon: The 10,000-Year Test. Can Nevada's Yucca Mountain be used as a storage depot for America's entire stock of high-level nuclear waste? A billion dollar research programme involving 2,000 scientists is trying to find out. (Ceefax)

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9.00 Film: Attack on Feer (1984)
starring Paul Michael Glaser and
Linda Kelsey. Mystery thriller
about husband-and-wife journalists about husband-and-wife journalists
who investigate the mysterious
workings of a cult. Directed by Mel
Damsio

10.30 Newanight
11.15 The Lane Show 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Arts Foundation
Course, Ends at 12.30am

Magazines

ANGLIA As Lendon except: 1,20pm Angla New
4,30 Discovering Gardens 2,00-3,30
Film: Old Man Who Cried Wolf 5, 10-5,40 Heart of the
Country 6,25-7,00 About Angla 10,35 Strongle for
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2,00 Fugitive 3,00-4,00 Chart Show.

CENTRAL As London except-1,20pm News
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3,30 Fibr: Our Family Business 8, 10-5,40 Bethan
6,25-7,90 News 16-35 Struggle for Democracy 11,06
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Report 6.30-7.00 If is A Dog's Life 19.40 Sound of
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HTV WEST As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-7:00 What's On 10.35 Scene 30 11.05 Struggle for Democracy 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30ms-1.00 Pick of the Week 2.00 Film: Goldwyn Folies 4.05 Stories in the Night 4.30 Soy Years On. 4.50 -5.00 Jobinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except-5.00-11.05 Say Yer Alphabet, Wee Dot!

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9.20 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Straetwise (r)
12.30 Business Daily presented by
Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street with Tracy Ultman
2.00 The Open Learning Business (r).

(Oracle)
2.30 Film: Hard Steel (1941, b/w)
starring Wilfrid Lawson. Vintage
drama about a steel mill manager wante about a steel mil manager whose ruthless ambition alienates his wife and antagonizes his workmen. Realizing his folly in sacrificing soul for profit, he fights to regain his wife and the respect of his workforce. Directed by Norman Weller

Norman Walker

4.05 Film: City of Gold (1957, b/w).
Pierre Berton remembers Dawson
City — the scene of a great gold
rush. Directed by Colin Low and Wolf
Kennig

Koenig 4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Doreen Rowcroft 5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show 6.00 Same Difference. Magazine series on disability matters

6.30 Happy Days. Comedy series
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Shella learns more
about Bobby's past -- with
days stating consequences devastating consequences.

(Oracle) Oesmond's, Comedy series set in a.au Desmonars. Consery series set in a South London barber's. (Oracle) 9.00 Criting Edge: Burning the House Down. The story of the four Watson brothers — white South Africans who are fighting apartheid at great personal cost 10.00 Eurocope it: Firing the Bullets

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(see Choice)
11.00 Film: Women of South Lebanon
(1987). Drama-documentary looking
at the role of Palestinian women
in the resistance movement against
Israell occupation. Directed by
Mai Masri and Jean Chamoun
12.20am France Tour Detour (r)
12.50 Ghosts in the Machine. Two
video works — The Assignation and
Rocms (r)

Rooms (r)
1.20 Animation. The Hunting
Tournament – a tale of bravery and

cowardice from Korea 1.30 The Early Birds. First World War comedy. Ends at 1.40

High Road 10.26 Scottish Eye 11.95 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 and Return to Eden 1.90 Sportsweek 1.55 Film: Cross Current 2.35 Twilight Zone 4.09-5.00 Night Best.

TSW As London except 1.20 pm News 1.30 Young Doctors 2.00 Film: Miranda 3.27-4.00 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Heart of the County 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 10.35 Out of the Box 11.05 Alfred Hitchcook Presents: The Speciality of the House 11.35 Struggle for Democracy 12.205 Repure to Eden 12.55 Sportsweek 1.55 and Film: Vampire Lowers 3.30 Stories in the Night 4.00-5.00 Night Best. BBC1 WALER 6.30pm-7.00 Water Today
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Home Town 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Open College
2.30 Firr: It's A Wonderful World 4.00 Different World
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Tournament 1.30 Early Birds 1.40 Close

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3.00 "Live" at Three 4.00 Emmerdels Farm 4.30
Upstairs Downstairs 5.30 Country Practice 6.30 The
Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.30
Young Riders 8.30 Fair City 8.00 News 9.30 Cogney
and Lacey 10.25 Duestions and Answers 11.15 Dea

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Footisal 9.00 Roseanne 8.30 Linds Borststel 10.36
News 10.35 Film: Suicide Murders 12.40am Close.

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SKY ONE

5.00mm International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30mm Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Kat 8.30mm Panel Pot Pourn 10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 A Problem Shared 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Challenge for the Gobots 3.45 Mystery Island 4.60 Alf Tales 4.30 The New Leave it to Beaver A Challenge for Shared 2.45 The New Leave it to Beaver A Challenge for the Gobots 3.45 Mystery Island 4.60 Alf Tales 4.30 The New Leave it to Beaver A Challenge for the New Leave It to Beaver A Challenge for the New Leave It to Beaver B Challenge for the New Leave It to Beaver B Challenge for the New Leave It to Beaver B Challenge for the New Leave It to Beaver B Challenge for the New Leave It to Beaver B Challenge for the New Leave It to B Challenge for the Challenge for 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Alight 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Aif 8.00 Condominium 10.00 Jameson Tonight 11.00 Sky News 11.30 The Invisible Man

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. 5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 International Business Report 11.30 International Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15
Parliament Live 4.30-NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The
Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30 Newsline
11.30 NBC News 12.30am Frank
Bough 1.30 Newsline 2.30 The Reporters
3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES

Today's films will be scrambled
From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm The Ryan White Story (1988):
The true story of a young boy who
contracted Alds through a blood

4.00 The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones Animated adventure 6.00 Light of Day (1987): Michael J. Fox

s. ou Light or Day (1967): Michael J. Fox es a factory worker by day who plays rock 'n' roll by night 8.00 Frantic (1988): Harrison Ford as an American on vacation in Paris whose wife mysteriously disappears. With Emmanuelle Seigner 10.00 The Bellevers (1987): Martin Sheen sets out to discover the truth behind to

10.00 The seasons (1907; Martin Sheen sets out to discover the truth behind a mysterious voodoo cult in New York 12.00 976 Evil (1988): A teenager becomes involved in a sinister dial-a-

horoscope service

1,45am Deadly Pursuit (1988): Sidney
Potter and Tom Berenger as two cops who
pursue a psychotic killer into the
Canadian mountains 3.40 At the Pictures: Cinema releases

4.00 Money Mania (1967): A dying man's words result in a search for three caches of money. Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00 Sking 11.00 Golf 1.00pm Football 3.00 Cricket: West Indies v England, third one-day international, from Jamaica 4.00 Horse Show 5.00 Ice Hockey: Boston Bruins v Chicago Blackhawks 7.00 Motor Sport 8.00 Eurosport — What a Week! 9.00 Boston Bineside — Best of Superhouses Boxing: Ringside - Best of Superbouts: Arguetto v Escalera 10.00 NHL Ica Hockey 12.00 Bodybuilding

6.00am Kristiane Backer 10.30 At the Movies 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Kristiane Backer 1.00pm Paul King 4.00 3 from 1 4.15 Paul King 4.30 Coce-Cola Report 4.45 Paul King 6.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.30 At the Movies 7.30 New Visions: Sout/Fink Cokes 7.30 New Visions: Soul/Funk 8.00 Ray Cokes 8.30 XPO 9.00 Ray Cokes 10.00 Coca-Cola Report 10.15 Malken Wexo 11.00 Headbangers Ball 1.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Pro Bowlers 8.30 Tennis
10.00 Golf 12.00 Motor Racing 2.00pm
Basketball 3.30 Ice Skating 4.45 Hartern
Globetrotters 6.00 Basketball 7.30 Football
9.15 US Professional Boxing 11.45
Tennis 12.15am Spain Spain Sport 12.30

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Short Casts 10.35 Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm What's Cooking 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Skyways 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Targei: The Corrupters 4.05 Travelview 4.35 It's Your Lifestyle 4.45 Great American Gameshows Great American Gameshows

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RADIO 1

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News on the half-hour from
5.30cam until 4.30pen, then at
7.30, 8.30, 10.00pen
5.00cam Jaicki Brambles 6.30
Simon Mayo 8.30 Simon Bates
12.30pen Newsbeat 12.45
Gary Davies 3.00 Stere Wright in
the Afternoon 5.30 News '90'
5.00 Mark Goodler 7.30 The Mike
Reat Collection 8.30 John Peel e.00 Mark Goodler 7.30 The Mi Read Collection e.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00cm Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

News on the hour deadlines 5.30em, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00em Alex Lester 5.30 4.00am Alex Lester B.30
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9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Young 1.05am Peter Stellern
2.00 Glora Hunflord 3.30
Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00
Dance Band Days 7.30 Sig
Band Era 9.05 The Best of Jazz on
Record 10.00 The Clever DickAthlon 10.30 The Clever DickNights 11.00 Round Midnight
1.00am Nightrida 2.00-4.00 A
Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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S.00am German Feature £.36 News in German: Headhes-in England and French \$.47 Sports Hews £.50 Book Choice £.55 Weather and Travel News £.50 Book Glows £.50 World News £.50 Book Glows £.50 World News £.50 Book Glows £.50 World News £.50 Book £.55 Sports Roundop £.65 Andy Kerthew's World of Music 16.00 News £.50 Heather 10.01 Weather £.50 News £.50 Book £.51 Book £.50 Book £. MARINE No Parsi INTERIOR

RADIO 3

7,00 Morning Concert:
Beethoven (Overture,
Fidelic: Bertin Po under Von
Karajan); Dupré (Poéme
hérolique: London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble under Larkin, with Christopher Bowers-Broadbant, organ); Purcell (Incidental music, Bonduca: Parley of nstruments under Holman)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Prokofiev (Dreams: Royal
Concertgebouw Orchestra
under Ashkanazy);
Tchaikovsky, arr Dubinsky
(Sweet Dreams; Songs of
the Laric Members and
Extends of Royadin Trio): Friends of Borodin Trio): Friends of Borodin 1110; Leher (Waltz, Where the Lark Sings: Johann Strauss Orchestra of Vienna under Boskovsky); Rossini (Prelude, Theme and Variations: Hermann Baumann, from, Leonard Hokansen, plane): Britten Hokanson, piano); Britten (Matinées musicales: ECO under Gibson)

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Sesson.
Nielsen (Springtime in
Funen: Soloists; Choirs: Violin Concerto: Swedish
RSO under Salonen, with
Cho-Lieng Lin)
9.35 Phantons from the Opera: Weber, transc Liszt (Överture, Der Freischütz); Lortzing (Vater, Mutter, Schwestern, Bruder Schwestern, Bruder
"Undine"); Mozart, transc
Liszt (Reminiscences of Don
Juen); Mozart (Dails sus
pace "Don Glovans" —

sung in German); Rossini (Ecco ridente in cielo "The Barber of Seville"); Verdi Barber of Seville"); Verdi (Parigl. o cara "La travista"); Vardi, transc Liszt (Danza sacra e Duetto final "Alda"); Lattier (Waltz Song "The Merry Widow"; My Lips Ara Made for Kissing); Bellini (Sediziosa voci ... casta diva ...; Ahl Bello a ma ritorno Ballo a me ritomo "Norma"): Tchalkovsky. transc Liszt (Polonais "Eugene Onegin"); Gounod, transc Liszt (Waltz "Faust"); Mozart (Divertimento, K 137); Arnold (Horn Concerto No 2, Op 58); John Harle (St George and the Dragon)
12.00 BBC Scottish SO under
Jean-Bernard Ponamer
performs Bizet (Overture,
Patriel; Dvořák (Symphony
No 9 "New World")

1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith

Benson, plano, perform Mozart (Sonata in E minor, K 304); Fauré (Sonata in A, Op 13); Smetana (From My

Horneland)
2.00 Musikkiviškko (r)
2.45 Northern Sinfonia at the
Makings under Heinrich
Schiff performs Mozart (Adaglo and Fugue in C minor, K 546); Britten (Variations on a Theme of (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Mozart (Piano Concerto in F, K 413); Britten (Pretude and Fugue, Op 29); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K 201), Incl 3.45 Interval Beading

Reading
4.25 BBC Singers under John
Poole perform Britten (Five
Flower Songs, Op 47);
Gordon Crosse (Epitaph; A May Song) (r)
4.50 Towards Bach: Johann
Bach admired Adam nein some of Adam Reincken, so much so, that he travelled to Hamburg to hear him perform. On the organ of St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, John Scott performs Reincken (Sentaria on Man Land the (Fantasia on Was kann uns kommen an für Not): Bach (Chorale prejude on An Wasserfüssen Babylon): Reincken (Fantasia on An Wasserfüssen Babylon)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Christopher Cook in conversation with the director Stuart Burge about his career in the theatre his career in the theatre
7.30 EBU Concert Season:
Scandinavian Season. Live
from Helsinki. Youth
Orchestra of Western
Helsinki under Jorma
Panula: Taciola Youth Choir
under Erkki Pohjola
performs Rautavaara (The
Fiddlers): Vivald (Cello
Concerto in G minort: Concerto in G minor); Hindemith (Five Pieces) 8.10 Letter from Tapiola. Keith Gosley investiga what the epic poem

"Kalevala" means to Finns today (r) 8.30 trad (Introduction in Kalevala Style); Wessman (Wate under Snow is Weary); Salimon (Sanara Vanara); Sez): Melinaes (Agiepta); Kortekangas (Aa)

9.36 Cockrosch: Scandinavian Season. A documentary Season. A documentary musical by Harri Huhtamäki and Seppo "Baron" Paakkunainen (see Choice) 10.15 Carmina Quartet performs Haydn (Quartets: in B minor, Op 33 No 1; in G, Op 76 No

11.00 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Gade and Svendsen (r) in Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55ams Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Brieding; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, with Peter Hobday and Sue MacGregor; incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.53, 7.55 Weather 8.25 The Week on Weather 8.35 The Week on 4 8.43 Archive Atlas: Lette from Cornwall. Bob Sinfield

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Bragg (s)
10.00 News; Money Box with
Vincent Duggleby (r)
10.30 Moming Story: The Children
of Grupp, by Penelope
Lively, Read by Roger Rees
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Down Your Way:
Director of the Science
Museum Dr Neil Cossons
visits Telford in Stropstire
(r)

11.40 Poetry Please! with Simon Rae. With guest Fleur Adcock 12-90 News: You and Yours with John Waite 12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: The second leg. Chaired by Louis Allen and Gordon Clough. Bill Russell and Jack Jones from Wales and the West, challenge the resident team of frene Thomas and Eric Korn (s)

1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.65 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News: Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray.
Includes a discussion on sm; the Helena International Trio, in conversation and in performance; and a feature on Rocking the Cradle, a touring theatre the north east atre group from 3.00 News; The Organgrinder's Monkey: Play by Stephen Wyett. The young Rossini, whose two desires are to write operas and be with his fover, is caught up in the world of political intrigue in 1820 Naples. With Stephen Garlick as Rossini and

(s) (r) Kaleidoscope: Something Happened, With luck and talent, the artist's fight to gain recognition can result in the sweet smea of success, lan McMillan FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053k/tz/295m;1089k/tz/275m;FM-97,6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 893k/tz/433m;909k/tz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215k/tz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198k/tz/1515m;FM-92-4-94.6. LBC: 1152k/tz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548k/tz/194m; FM 95.8. Greeter London Radio: 1458k/tz/205m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 95.8. Greeter London Radio: 1458k/tz/205m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW

Steve Hodson as Barbaja

experienced by poets, novelists and playwrights, who are faced with the task of producing follow-ups (s) 5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Hugh Sykes. Reeval Alderson reports from Scotland on local environmental projects, in the final week for entries to The Times/PM Environment

Award 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.35 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financia Report
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Special Maney Bax edition
of the humorous panel
game. With Tim BrookeTaylor, Willie Rushton,
Greeme Garden and Barry
Cruer With Humohrey Cryer. With Humphrey Lyttetton in the chair (s) (r)

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7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with
Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Poor
Things, by Jame Coles. With
Sue Broomfield as Cathle,
Monday Market & Cathle,
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Monday Monday Play: Poor
Things, by Jame Coles. With Maggie McCarthy as Moira Gordon Warnecke as Hashim and Shahnaz Pakravan as Mrs Jalio (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Presented b
Natalie Wheen, Peter Kemp reviews Peter Jukes's book

reviews Peter Jules's Dook
A Shout in the Street, John
Deathridge on Elektra at the
Royal Opera House; and
Linda Russell meets Mr
Golub, a showbiz lawyer
from New York (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight
The Weether 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with David Sells (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: News from Nowhere, by William Morris, abridged in five parts by Donald Bancroft, and read by David Burke. Part 1: A New Dawn (see Choke)

Choke)
11.00 The Burkss Way: Comedy with Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees Chris Enrinett and Fred Harris (4 or 6) (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12-30am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping

Forecast FM as LW except 11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 11.00am-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.55pm Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For Schools (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30 Open Open University: 11.30 Open Forum 11.30 Arts Review 12.30-1.10 Night School

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Ninety-nine point nine per cent of us will feel disadvantaged by Cockroach (Radio 3, 9.30pm). It is almost entirely in Finnish. The relief at hearing the odd snatch of Ronald Reagan and Martin Luther King, and even an American television commercial, is considerable. Radio 3's valid reason for transmitting this 1989 Prix Futura winner is that its Scandinavian season is now in full swing and the Finns are entitled to a say in it. No complaint from me. For one thing, there is an introductory summary in English, explaining that what follows is an attempt to portray power through a child's mind, and on a child's terms. For another, even though we might not know what is going on at any given moment, even non-Finns will appreciate that words, effects, and music have been fascinatingly mixed.



Dream vision: the late William Morris (Radio 4, 10.45pm) ● Current prognostications about a late 20th century Labour Utopia can be measured against William Morris's dream vision of a 21st century socialist Eden in News from Nowhere (Radio 4, 10.45pm), the new Book at Bedtime, which, despite the rose-coloured spectacles he has to wear for the occasion, is being read in a delightfully matter-of-fact way by that fine

actor David Burke.

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By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspon

A big rise in the number of cases involving children has forced the Official Solicitor, who acts for children in High Court proceedings, to withdraw from representation of

children in adoption cases.

The decision, which is causing concern among family lawyers, comes after the Official Solicitor's department said it faced a shortage of finds and trained staff to act funds and trained staff to act

Mr David Venables, the Official Solicitor, said that the situation had eased slightly recently because the Lord Chancellor had increased funding for the present year. However, the position for 1990-91 was not known. "There is a limit to the number of cases we can taken

on. It is not just the financial

limits: it is also the limit on

the number of staff," he said. The office presently has only 37 officials to take care of all children's cases. Such staff took two years to train properly, Mr Venables said. "I am subject to the civil service staffing limits. But even if I had unlimited staff, it takes

time to train them.' Mr Allan Levy, QC, a leading practitioner in children's cases, said there was a danger that the decision could extend to "some of the more difficult child abuse cases".

Mr Levy said: "The Official Solicitor plays a significant role in these cases but it is very much a question of resources. and staff particularly. In runof-the-mill cases, his presence is not essential. But if he were not able to act in some of the more difficult cases, it would be a significant loss."

In an article in this month's Family Law, Mr Venables says the office's workload has increased by 32 per cent from 920 cases in 1988 to an estimated 1,100 cases last year.

High Court adoption cases had increased by more than 50 per cent in the past year. It was decided "with reluctance, to inform the Senior Registrar that the Official Solicitor is no longer able to represent the child in that category of case". Instead, children will be re-

presented by a panel of "guar-dians ad litem", who look after the child's welfare and are usually trained social workers. Mr Venables envisages more use of guardians as agents in juvenile hearings which turn into wardship proceedings.

At present, the Official Solicitor acts as solicitor and guardian ad litem. However, under the 1989 children Act, the tion would be for the Official Solicitor to give up its welfare role and concentrate on legal aspects, Mr Venables says.

Official Forth Bridge begins a second century Solicitor



train across the Forth Bridge yesterday famous railway bridges in the world. It was opened by Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, on March 4, 1890 (right). After yesterday's ceremony, marred only

was closed briefly to allow people to walk across."It is a symbol recognized bout the world as a brilliant and daring innovation and a classic functional design," Sir Robert Reid, the outgoing chairman of British Rail, tok sts. Sir Robert said the bridge carried 200 passe was good for at least another 100 years The centenary is being co with a six-mouth programme of even

Falklands 'mascot' in surprise visits

Endurance crew had 'close contact for years' with Argentine military

The crew of the ice patrol ship HMS Endurance has for several years maintained discreet contacts with Argentine military personnel using bases in Antarctica despite the fact that diplomatic relations between

Endurance, whose planned withdrawal from the South Atlantic was one of the key factors that encouraged Arg-entina to invade the Falkland Islands in 1982, visited three Argentine bases in Antarctica last month.

London and Buenos Aires

were broken off in 1982.

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, who The ship's crew, which in-returned from a visit to the cludes 14 Royal Marines,

countries engaged in research which was sunk by the Hodgson entertained Major in the area co-operate in the harsh environment. But the Falkland Islanders,

who regard HMS Endurance as their mascot, have known nothing of the visits and are expected to react angrily to the news that they have occurred. The most recent meetings

with Argentine military personnel and scientists were towards the end of last month at Jubany, on King George island in the South Shetlands, and at Esperanza on the northern tip of the Antarctic for some years.

sized that the contacts were at General San Martin, but held in the special spirit of the they did not call at Belgrano, Antarctica Treaty, under an Argentine base with the which personnel from all the same name as the cruiser

nuclear-powered submarine HMS Conqueror at the beginning of the Falklands war with the loss of 380 lives.

The latest contact between Endurance and units of the Argentine military was shortly after London and Buenos Aires agreed at a meeting in Madrid to reopen relations.

Captain Norman Hodgson, commanding Endurance, which was in Port Stanley last week, admitted, however, that the contacts had been going on

On February 22 the Royal Marines and other crew members beat an Argentine team 6match. A week later the same Endurance team beat the Falklands to win the Stanley Cup. On February 21, Captain

Hugh Casela, the Argentine base commander at Esperanza, First Lieutenant Alfonso Parcel, his second in com-mand, and Major Enrique Neirotti, a visiting logistics inspector, to lunch on board

Captain Hodgson, who had previously met Major Casela on February 6, said that in his meetings with the Argentine military, they had expressed "genuine pleasure at the renewal and warming of dip-lomatic relations", adding: "At least two of my guests had been actively involved in the events of 1982,"

Casela presented Captain Hodgson with a quantity of Argentine beef and a case of Argentine wine.

dry apart from a little rain here and there. Sunny intervals will develop, with the best of any brightness in the east. North Wales and central England will see rain later. Northern Ireland, north-west England and western Scotland will be cloudy with rain at times. The north will have gale force winds. Outlook: windy in the north, dry and brighter in the south.



Tories in poll tax appeal

backbencher, said the present uproar was "more serious than Westland" because people would have to live with

the consequences of the tax. Their demands came after Conservative councillors begged the Government on Saturday to rethink key ele-ments of the poll tax in consultation with them before next year's grant settlement. While they came away from

their thirty-ninth annual con-ference in London slightly mollified by pledges of help in future years from ministers, many appeared resigned to a battering from Labour in the council elections on May 3. The councillors also ap-pealed to ministers not to

plame the party's 8,000 councillors for the damaging headlines over the poll tax.

In return Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, agreed to look at the standard spending assessments for estimating each council's spending level before next year's settlement. Mr Patten went further, promising "to see how we can improve the community

In a low key, explanatory speech Mrs Thatcher told the Tory councillors: "We are in the firing line. We can give it and we can take it."

She emphasized that there was no viable alternative to the community charge.

Sir Rhodes said yesterday that poll tax bills across the country should be capped at the equivalent of last year's council spending plus 7.7 per cent for inflation, the safety net in London should be funded by the Treasury and rebates to pensioners should be improved.

But he agreed with Mr Heseltine that more fundamental changes were needed in the long term.

Mr Heseltine said it was time to assert the primacy of central government over local government and for Treasury money to flow to those councils which achieved high standards.

No government could "400 local chancellors of the exchequer running wild with public expenditure" in town

Soviet party bosses face rebuff

Continued from page 1 Mr Boris Yeltsin, uniting nonparty democratic reformists with the ultra-reformist wing of the Communist Party.

In the Ukraine and Belorussia, the elections are seen as "It looks like we could end a test of the strength of up with 25, maybe even 30, nationalist popular front per cent of the seats in groups, which represent the parliament," he said. "We main opposition to the Com- might even get a majority." munist establishment.

Mr Yaroslav Tropimov, a trict and regional councils are republics' parliament.

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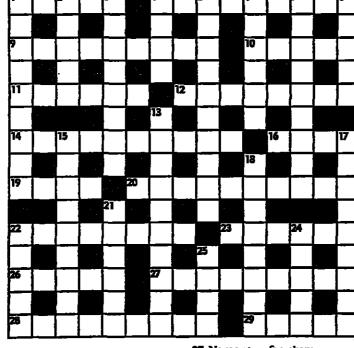
"It looks like we could end end of the week.

Results of elections to dis-

nationalist movement in the next two days, but the Su-Ukraine, said last night that its preme Soviet results will take candidates expected to win a longer because of the much substantial bloc of seats in the larger distances. They are expected to be available by the

> Some senior party officials of the Communist Party in the Ukraine - could find themselves without seats in their

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,233



ACROSS

- 1 A number take a course of 22 ac
- to get fit (5). 4 Arrangement of credit one may find hard to understand (9). 9 In favour of seeing some stipula-tion made (9).
- 10 The little copper can intervene 11 Like to run when so inclined (6).
- 12 Small cash book to safeguard 14 It shows a good grasp of defence
- 16 Grassland parking will be available in spring (4).
- 19 A drug obtained from sap (4).20 He sips drinks and ears fudge in inclement weather (4-6).
- 22 Training cut without hesitation
- 23 Instruct during class (6). 26 Put up before the court (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

The solution of Saturday's **Prize Puzzle** No 18,232 will appear next Saturday 27 Never stop for change, so exceeded the budget (9).

28 Cleansing gets put off by a man 29 A sailor collecting money for a religious centre (5).

1 A political leader was com-plimentary, and that's valued

2 Reef in a sound (5). 3 Falling over oneself to get the award of gratuities about right?

4 Everything's bound to be wet with a painter in! (4). 5 One managing to deceive - a fisherman (10).

Quite the best insect atomiser 7 One bearing with short weight, though cross (9).

8 A boy mounting a little horse in readiness (5). 13 Restrictions on rent for a High Street shop (5.5).

15 Military personnel here serve as an example (9). 17 Limiting factor normal with a measuring device (9).

18 End up swallowing a woman's proven remedy for dyspepsia (8). 21 Duck a northcountryman pre-sented to the queen (6).

22 Polish people featured in a newspaper leader (5). 24 Wavering voter, that's plain (5). 25 They'll support certain measures **WORD-WATCHING** A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard ANIMAL FARM

c. A hitch DOG'S NOSE a. An Exciseman b. A powerful drink c. A sleety squall DONKEY'S BREAKFAST a. Biscuits b. Thistles c. An empty belly **GOATS FOOT**

a. An axe handle b. Part of an archer's kit

Answers on page 22 AA ROADWATCH

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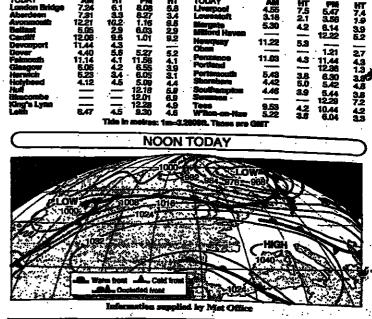


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MONDAY MARCH 5 1990

Villa's stumble fails to lower Taylor's spirit

Aston Villa, after running almost unhindered from seventeenth to first place, have suddenly lost momentum and perhaps their way in the championship race. OPR Beaten comprehensively at home by Wimbledon last week, they would have gone down to a heavier defeat at Highfield Road yesterday but

of their goalkeeper and the we are disappointed. But, if we loss of Mountfield, who twisted a knee and could be unavailable for several weeks, could not disguise the change in Villa. Swaggering when they reached the top, they have since stumbled from one disspiriting experience to

In accumulating 46 points out of a possible 57, Villa had propelled themselves into genuine and unexpected contention. But instead of leading by five points, as could have been their comparatively luxurious position, they are Earlier, it had all started now one point behind brightly for his side. McGrath, Liverpool, whose goal dif-

Graham Taylor, their manager, was not downhearted. Nor should he be. As he said: "We are second in the first division and we are in the sixth round of the FA Cup, so we are not having a bad season." He was also encouraged by his side's response to conceding two goals son, his opposing full back,

"There was no falling away playing Russian Roulette

The athletic interventions about that, although naturally would have to do to be champions is to turn up for the rest of our games." It is believed that his at-

tempt to strengthen Villa's fading challenge by buying Andy Mutch, the striking partner of Steve Bull at for £800,000, has failed. Taylor himself refused either to confirm of deny the rumour that his offer had been made

and subsequently rejected. released from his usual duties as a third central defender in order to contain Speedie, relished the opportunity to push forward. In the opening dozen minutes he produced three attempts but thereafter he was forced almost exclusively onto the retreat.

So were all of his colleagues except Daley. He was so appreciably quicker than Dobthat Coventry were effectively and we were always trying to whenever the winger

given possession. They merely hoped that the ammunition he supplied was blank. Invari-

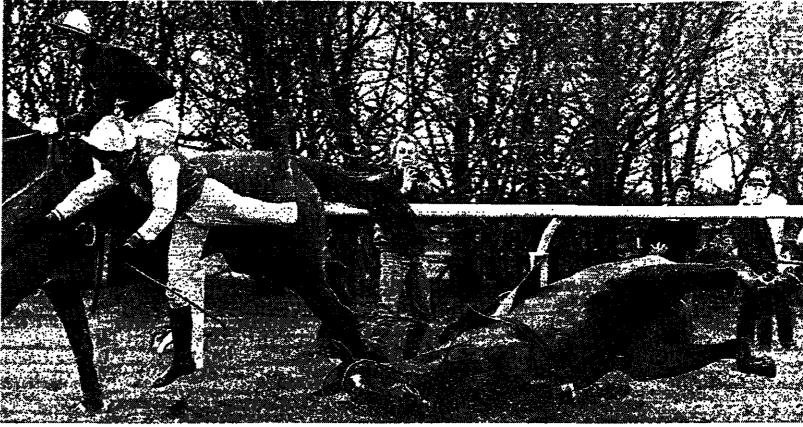
> That of Coventry's was unmistakably live. Spink was stretched in turn by Regis, Speedie, Kilcline and especially by Smith before the interval. Five minutes after it, he was beaten by Drinkell, a substitute who scored with his first touch, and almost immediately by a right-footed shot from the left winger,

> inkling of what is to come," John Sillett, the Coventry manager, said. "Before the game our dressing room was like Dunkirk before they went over the trenches. Everybody was fidgeting with nerves and we showed a bit of steel and character after last week."
> He gambled with his players
> by offering them three days off

> recover from the disappointment of losing to Not-tingham Forest in the semifinal of the Littlewoods Cup. "I thought the wives might do a better job of lifting them," he said. They responded by reaching, in his opinion, their He felt, with reason, that

> Coventry could have won by five. Nevertheless, his side's achievement will have brightened the household of Kenny Dalglish in particular. The Liverpool manager celebrated his 39th birthday yesterday knowing that his side was considered even firmer favourites to regain the title. DEVOUTIES TO TOGAIN THE CITIES.
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> COVENTRY CITY: S Ogsizovic: B Borrows; A Dobson, M Gynn, B Kilcline, T Peake, K Gaffacher, D Speadle, C Regie, S Livingstone (sub: K Orinkell), D Smith.
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> ASTON VELIA: N Spinic; C Price, K Gage, P McGrath, D Mourtifield (sub: S Gray), K Nielson, A Daley, D Platt, I Olney, G Cowans, I Ormondroyd (sub: P Birch).

The jockey who leapt ahead of his mount



Kinane takes flight at the third fence

Jayo Kinane is captured in artistic undoing and, after mistakes at the mid-flight pose (above) as he and Season's Ahead part company at the third fence in the Greenall Whittey Gold Cup at Haydock on Saturday. Although Season's Ahead took a nasty-looking fall, horse and jockey were quickly remaited (right), evidently none the worse for their separation.

Jayo Kinane is captured in artistic undoing and, after mistakes at the first two obstacles, Season's Ahead to safely negotiate the third.

Stan Payne, who trains Season's Ahead near Carlisle, yesterday confirmed her well-being. However, the episode might not have had such a happy ending but for the speed of thought of Kinane.

the extra weight which proved her field came round again."

Season's Ahead, a seven-year-old Season's Ahead was quickly back mare, was carrying 51lb more than on her feet but then put herself in the weight allotted her by the danger from the runners on their handicapper and accordingly second circuit. "After she got up, started at 150-1 for the £35,000 she went and stood stock still in handicap chase. However, it was front of the fence," Kinane said. "I the demanding fences rather than had to lead her to one side while the



SPORT ON MONDAY

The Times continues to journalism. Today we become the first national British newspaper with a special Sport on Monday section. The first seven pages of Section 2 of The Times are devoted to the most comthe weekend events.

The introduction of Sport on Monday follows the success of the similar format in the Saturday issues of The Times over the past 18 months.

Full coverage of business news in The Times switches to the back of

Swales vents fury at Crosby's goal

Manchester City are to lodge an official protest with the Football League and the Football Association about the goal which decided their game against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground on Saturday.

Gary Crosby, the Forest midfield player, appeared to head the ball out of the hands of Andy Dibble, the Manchester City goalkeeper, before scoring in the 52nd minute. The referee, Rodger Gifford, of Glamorgan, allowed the goal to stand, sparking protests from several of the City players.

Howard Kendall, the City manager, ran 30 yards from the dug-out on the touchline to remonstrate with a linesman and he also went on to the pitch at the end of the game to speak to Gifford.

Peter Swales, the chairman of Manchester City, who is also the vice-chairman of the Football Association's senior international committee, said yesterday: "I estimate that it would cost us £2 million, and that's a conservative estimate. if we were to lose our first division status as a result of what happened at the

"We shall be protesting to the Football League and the Football Association, It was an incorrect decision. I do not expect the game to be replayed but we have to make our feelings known. Our goalkeeper had control of the ball. it was in his hands and so, in effect, it was dead. I was



Disputed goalscorer: Crosby

allowed to stand." Gifford, on the League referees' list for 14 seasons, said: stand by my decision. There is no law to break. The law says that the ball is dead when the goalkeeper is clutch-ing it in both hands. There was never any question of dan-gerous play or offside."

Members of the Sheffield United board will try to dissuade the chairman and majority shareholder, Reg Brealey, from selling his shares to a new owner, believed to be a foreign businessman, at Bramall Lane today.

The other five members of the board, led by Paul Woolhouse, the largest single shareholder after Brealey, were reportedly taken by surprise by Friday's announce-ment that a sale was going through. They say that Brealey had broken an agreement to give them first option.

Evans is still adamant

By Dennis Signy

David Evans, the former Luton Town chairman who is yesterday reiterated remarks about Manchester United and Leeds United which have led to his being charged by the Football Association for allegedly bringing the game into disrepute.

"I shan't detract anything," he said. "If I were asked I would say it again."

Evans, who was interviewed in his capacity as the director in charge of football matters at Kenilworth Road, is accused of calling Manchester United "tripe" in a newspaper article.

In another article, Evans blamed Leeds United for being responsible for much violence on and off the field in football over the last 20 years. He claimed that the late Don Revie's team had "threatened their way to the top" and had practically invented the professional foul.

He added that he had long held the view that a breakdown in discipline on the field related to what happened on the terraces.

"If the game is to get its house in order clubs will have be responsible for the elbowing, butting, pinching yards at free kicks and so on or

Evans was succeeded as

England will field the same XV which beat Wales for the decisive match of the five nations' rugby union champ-ionship, against Scotland at Murrayfield on March 17. At stake will be the champ-

triple crown and the Calcutta Cup, for which these two countries compete annually. land's plavers, at Rich mond for a weekend of train-

ionship, the grand slam, the

By David Hands

ing, watched the television broadcast of Scotland's 13-9 over Wales in Cardiff on Saturday. Although England made

changes to their team after wins against Ireland and France, Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said yesterday: "We felt it was right to go into this

It is six years since the grand

slam was last contested by two unbeaten teams, between Scotland and France in 1984 when the Scots emerged victorious. But there has never been an occasion on which two home countries were in that enviable position.

England's last grand slam was won 10 years ago, but honours of any kind for the English have been supply over the last 30 years. They will prepare for this match as they have for their others this season: the players have requested additional training next weekend, after Saturday's league matches, and they will travel to Edin-

burgh on March 15. Yesterday's training, which included a number of England

B players, did not involve between playing for your club decide not to go to the match." Simon Halliday and Simon and playing international The English have been allo-Hodgkinson. Halliday, the Bath centre

Confident England unchanged

who will play on the right wing against the Scots, had arranged a holiday before yesterday's training had been agreed, while Hodgkinson, the Nottingham full back, is still being treated for a slight strain to lateral ligaments in his right knee. He is likely to miss his club's game against Bath next the England hooker and pack leader, who is resting.

Cooke admitted that he had learned little new watching Wales and Scotland. "It was a question of how much Wales could rouse themselves but it was all based on passion because they had so little time to put a new side together. may be a few late tickets There is a big difference available if debenture holders

and playing international rugby," he said. Scotland's selectors will

meet tomorrow evening and their team will be named the following day. Although they received no injury worries against Wales, there may be some discussion about restoring the experienced Iain Milne to anchor their scrum more securely from tight-head prop, in place of Paul Burnell. Edinburgh has found itself

caught up in the early stages of "grand slam fever". Bill Hogg, the Scottish Rugby Union secretary, reiterated his message that no tickets are left as he arrived home yesterday. "Practically all the tickets were sold before the season even started," he said. "There available if debenture holders

cated 4,800 tickets, but many more supporters are expected to try to find a way into the match. Two tickets are rumoured to have been sold for £1,000 last week in

Edinburgh bookmakers yesterday quoted England as 5-2 on favourites. "That is a situation we prefer," the former Scotland captain, Finlay Calder said. "We don't like going in as favourites."

ENGLAND: S D Hodgkinson (Notting-nam); S J Halliday (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlsquas, capt), J C Gascott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicastar), C R Andrew (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath); P A G Rendall (Wasps), B C Moore (Nottingham), J A (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath); P A G Rendelli (Wasps), B C Moore (Notrengham), J A Probyn (Wasps), M J Skinner (Harle-quins), W A Dooley (Preston Grass-roppers), P J Ackford (Harlequins), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), M C Teague (Glouester), Replacements; M D Balley (Wasps), F J Clough (Wasps), S M Bates (Wasps), M S Linnett (Moseley), C J Olver (Harlequins), D W Egerton (Bath).

Finnish boat presumed lost

From Barry Pickthall, Panta del Este, Uruguay

was presumed to have sunk.

Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss

maxi, Merit, was re-instated to

second place overall in the

the crowds will react." ships and an aircraft, the wreck had not been located; it

chairman last year by Brian Cole who, in turn, resigned in January in favour of Roger

As Tracy Edwards' Maiden crew closed within 300 miles of the finish, 210 miles behind L'Esprit de Liberte yesterday. LEADING FINISHERS: Foorth leg: Auckland to Punto del Este: 1, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ) 22d-20tr41m; 2, Fisher &

Mystery yesterday surrounded the whereabouts of the abandoned \$2m yacht Martela OF which capsized off the Argentina coast last week in the Whitbread Round the World Race.

The Argentine Navy admitted that it had "lost" the Finnish yacht three days after claiming salvage rights over the \$1st upturned hull. The disclosure followed a series of conflicting reports.

Yesterday, a Navy spokesman in Mar del Plata said that the Coast guard cutter, Thompson, had abandoned the yacht and run for shelter. After a search, involving two ships and an aircraft, the said and an aircraft a

Naturally, 116:14:07.
OTHER POSITIONS: (compiled at 13:50 GMT yesterday with miles to Punta def Este): Division 3: 1, 1. Esprit de Liberte (P Tabarty, Fr) 95; 2, Schlussel von Bremen (R Persch, WG) 159; 3 Maiden (T Edwards, GB) 306; 4, La Poste (B Meile, Fr) 37; Rucanor Spórt (B Dubois, Bei) retired. Cruiser division: 2, With Integrity (A Coghel, GB) 132.

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Bridgetown, Barbados

Of course, you expect the entire Caribbean to be seething for revenge. The West Indies cricket team, the best team in the world, beaten by England in the first Test: it is not fitting. It is not part of the expected order of things. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible, and England can look forward to something rather special in the way of vengeance.

I expected most cricket conversations here in Barbados would hinge on the notion of revenge. My part would be to banter with false confidence - why are our Jamaicans better than your Jamaicans? Lambie got three centuries against your boys in '84, so he has two more to go this time, right?

And I expected that in return for such impertinences I would hear about Bishop bowling like a hurri-cane, that the West Indies team was



Simon Barnes

certain to knock everybody's head clean off, that it had just beaten England in a one-day match, and that the proper system of English sides grovelling and breaking noses would be restored in the second Test in Guyana in a matter of days. That. at any rate, is how amiable sporting banter would go between two Eng-lish people who interest themselves

in opposing teams. But it took less than 30 seconds in Barbados to challenge this assumption. In fact, the very first Bajan I met on this trip confounded it utterly. The immigration man no sooner took my blue-and-gold passport on to his desk than he extended a hand over it. "Hey, you beat us," he said. "Congratulations."

The genuine sporting spirit al-ways takes one aback on the rare occasions one encounters it. I made some remark about West Indian retribution. "I hope so. But you played so well. So confident. It's not going to be easy this time." Pausing only to tip me a horse for the Cockspur Rum Gold Cup, he stamped my passport and bade me welcome to Barbados.

I enjoyed being included in a victorious English team in that you." And to him, of course, the West Indies team will always be us." We get used to the fierce identification of the Caribbean people with the cricket team. The team carries the banner for pride in nationhood and for pride in race. Cricket is the one great unifying factor in the Caribbean it is a deep part of the culture of the place, as anyone who has been there, or who has just read C. L. R. James must

In Trinidad, James writes, cricket teams of his youth were divided up in terms of social position, which in practice meant colour, which meant shades of brown. He regrets playing for a snooty, light-coloured side, rather than the mashamedly black Afric team with the aromatic name

But things change, and later cricketers of Indian extraction have been victims of prejudice by what is now a very black, very Afric West Indian cricket establishment. The importance of cricket to the notion of being black and Caribbean can

hardly be underestimated. Except in Barbados. The political and racial tensions I have observed in Trinidad, and which exist in

Jamaica, have left Barbados largely

endearing island. An organization in New York that interests itself in such notions has declared Barbados one of the world's freest countries. Why not? The place is tiny. A

quarter of a million people, and a lot of tourist dollars to go around. And how can you pose as an agitator when everyone on the island knows your parents and remembers what you were like at school? And there is little enough to agitate about here.

No doubt in the tougher parts of Kingston and Port of Spain the thirst for revenge is intense. But a gennine sporting spirit is the luxury they can afford on Barbados.

"Gooch is a very impressive cricketer," said a man I spoke to on the beach. "Our boys are all too old now. And that Richards, he never could bat."

Woosnam refuses to be blown

From Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

Ian Woosnam yesterday compicted his most satisfying start to a new season when, on the Las Brisas course here, a final round of 74 enabled him to win the American Express Mediterranean Open, reduced to 54 holes because of inclem-

Woosnam could not escape

Gibraltar was closed all day considering the complexity of six tournaments in 25 feet at the fourth. After he but eventually showed his the course and the severity of succession. rivals a clear pair of spikes, although the Argentinian, Eduardo Romero, proved a formidable rival as did Miguel Martin, of Spain.

Woosnam, in fact, twice lost the lead to Martin before he eventually won the first prize of £66,660 in the style of a true thoroughbred. The Welshman was one of only five golfers to finish under par for the tourbeing buffeted by a wind so nament and his aggregate of strong that the airport in 210 was no mean achievement

the conditions.

Romero, who won the Lancome Trophy last year, had two eagles in his 71 which gave him a share of second place on 212 with Martin, who had birdies at the 16th and

months, showed that he might be even more dangerous when fresh, although in the past he has favoured playing five or with a two, getting down from no impression.

Yesterday, his resilience was tested as early as the third hole where he hooked his second shot, with a driver, into the water. Woosnam took seven and Martin took full advantage with a birdie four. 18th holes.

Woosnam, who had not played competitively for three and take millions," Woosnam

changed to a two and and struck the shot to 12 feet, from where he holed. Martin forfeited two shots at the 15th said. "But I've always been patient in the wind." and Romero, with two birdies and two dropped shots in his last seven holes, could make He immediately recovered

had turned in 40, the crucial

hole proved to be the 12th

After leaving himself with a

shot of 210 yards over trees

and into the wind, he initially

favoured a three-iron,

where he made an eagle.

Woosnam's next tournament will be on the US Tour. He will compete in Orlando and Houston prior to the Masters at Augusta. He should arrive there in confident mood; Severiano

Ballesteros might not. Ballesteros continued to struggle on and around the greens. He took three to get down from a bunker at the 16th, missing from five feet, and failed to salvage his par from two feet at the 18th. It has not been the vintage start

HOCKEY

to the season for which he was hoping.

John Morgan produced easily the best round of the day when, with four birdies in his last eight holes, he scored a 68,

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Instend unless started: 210: 1 Woodnam 68, 68, 74, 212: M Martin (Sp), 69, 69, 74; E Romero (Ard; 70, 71, 71, 213: GO'Connor (Ard; 71, 71, 214: M Jenney 67, 71, 78, 216: P Smith 72, 72, 72; A Meuray 74, 70, 72, 217: M Mchatly (Zim), 72, 69, 76: M Lanner (Swe), 70, 71, 76; P Fowler (Aus), 71, 72, 74; J Morgan 74, 75, 68, 218: B Langer (NKG), 70, 78, 72; S Timning (Den), 69, 77, 72, 219: R Boxall 69, 74, 76; S Bellesteros (Sp), 70, 74, 75; R Drummond 72, 73, 74; M Pinero 72, 73, 74.

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MARC ASPLAND

Big step by Wigan towards title

By Keith Macklin

Wigan. Russian diplomats and local government officials from the government omicials from the game's newest missionary area were guests of the Rugby Football League at Headingley as Wigan took an enormous stride towards the championship which many people believe is their already.

In the first 60 minutes Wigan seemed well nigh invincible as they threw back every Leeds move, scoring three tries. To the credit of Leeds they never gave

tredit of Leeds they never gave up the fight.

Wigan settled into their game from the start after an early exchange of penalty goals by Maskill and Lydon they produced their first try. Lydon kicked a penalty and Hampson dropped a goal to make it 11-2 at half-time.

They then scored two killer

They then scored two killer tries. Platt and Goodway combined again and the substitute Goulding went over and added the goal points himself.

In a dramatic flourish Scho-field made tries for Creasser and neso made thes for Creasser and Fawcett, Maskill and Creasser banged over the goals and Leeds emerged with heads held high while Wigan marched on towards the Championship.

Wards the Championship.

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Goodway; E Harley
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Wigner, Tries: Pett, Goulding, Preston;
goals: Lydon 3 Goulding, drapped goals:
Hempson.

• Widnes could well have said farewell to their championship

title as they dropped a point in the 10-10 draw at Wakefield. It took a last-minute try from Wright and a touchline goal from Davies for them to share St Heless made a comeback at Castleford after they had trailed 26-6. In a 10-minutes

spell Saints scored tries through Bailey, Quirk and Bateman, with four goals from Loughlin.A late try by Larder gave Castleford a 34-24 victory. The Bradford Northern for-

ward, David Hobbs, was in charge for his team's 18-12 win over doomed Salford. Gill and Cordle scored the Northern

row 6, Hull 38; Bradford 18, Selford 12, Cestiskord 34, St Helens 24; Leads 14, Wigan 21; Sheffield 46, Leigh 4; Weivefield 10, Widnes 10; Warrington 9,



Unification on offer

Berlin (AFP) - East Germany Berlin (AFF) — East Gramany wants to start talks this month aimed at uniting German sport. The offer came yesterday immediately after Martin Kilian was elected the new president of East Germany's Federation of

Kilian, who resigned from the

Ely's return

City of Ely, the winners two years ago, took the Anglia Secure Homes national club bowls championship for the second time at Havering yesterday. Drawing on all their experience, they beat Dartford Stone Lodge 80-67. Stone Lodge 80-67.

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Rot-Weiss Cologne yesterday became the first winners of the

Bittner's title Veysonmaz, Switzerland (AFP)

— Armin Bitmer, of Austria, assured himself of the World Cup skiing slalom title with his fourth with of the season here

Winning start

McKean at last homes in on that elusive title

ATHLETICS: GLOBE-TROTTING SCOT FULFILS CHERISHED AMBITION IN GLASGOW

By David Powell Athletics Correspondent

After five years travelling the world in search of an international championship, Tom McKean claimed his first one in his own backyard yes-terday. The drive from his home at Holytown to the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, may be only eight miles but, after his victory over 800 metres in the European indoor championship, McKean was convinced he had come a long

Since winning silver medals in the European championships and Commonwealth Games of 1986, McKean has performed ignominiously in world, Olympic and Comm-

MENt: 60m: 1, 1. Christie (GB), 8.56sec; 2, F. Pavoni (N), 8.58; 3, J. Valik (C2), 6.63. Other British: 6, J. Livingston, 6.75. 60m hardles: 1, I. Kazanov (USSR), 7.52; 2, T. Jarrett (GB), 7.58; 2, F. Schwarthoff (WG) 7.61; 20m: 1, S. Floris (N), 21.01; 2, N. Antonov (Bul), 21.04; 3, B. Marie-Rose (Fr), 21.28. British: 5, A. Carrott, 21.54. 400sc: 1, N. Dobeleit (WG), 45.08; 2, J. Carlowtz (EG), 48.09; 3, C. Cornet (Sp), 46.91; 800sc: 1, T. McKleen (GB), 1min 46.22secs: 2, T. do Teresa (Sp), 147.22; 3, Z. Janus (PO), 1:47.37. Other British: 8, Whittis, did not start: 1,500m: 1, J.P. Herold (EG), 3:44.38sec; 2, F. Cachor (Sp), 3:44.61; 3, T. Morrell (GB), 3:44.83. Other British: 8, R. Harrison, 3:53.29. 3,000sc: 1, E. Dubus (Fr), 7:59.94sec; 2, J. Carlist (Fr), 7:54.75; 3, B. Zonto (Yug), 7:54.77. British: 7, 7, Hamser, 7:38. Bitte wallet, 1, M. Schrennikov (USSR), 19:00.82sec; 2, G de Benedictis (n), 19:02.90; 3, A. Nosck (EG), 19:03.36. British: 2, A. Orake, GO), 2:30m; 2, A. Ortiz (Sp), 2:30; 3. equal, G. Nagel (WG), and D.

This was the Andy Norman

body denied took place. And this time the athlete being woodd responded not with tears, but, he

run," Linford Christie, Britain's

only gold medal winner on the opening day of the European

indoor championships, re-flected: "He said: 'You are the

got to play your role and boost

On a day which had witnessed

failure for four of Britain's dozen medal hopes at the two-day championships at the Kelvin

Hall, Glasgow, morale needed the Christie touch. He applied it

ne conversation that no-

told us, loyalty.

"Andy made me feel really Board had said on Friday that

weath 800 metres persuaded him to advance the launch of his indoor campaign.

indoor meeting next year but when I came back from Auckland I said to my coach [Tommy Boyle] that I would like to start now," McKean said. "It was very important for me to win today."

McKean's thoughts will now turn to the European outdoor championships in Split this summer. As Frank Dick, the national director of coaching, said: "Tom has turned a very important corner in his life. If he doesn't believe in himself after today he never will."

In his heats and semi-final onwealth competition. His on Saturday, McKean seemed

Mosgenburg (WG), 2.30. Entiset: 7 equal, D Grant. 2.24; 18, J Holmen, missed opening clearance. Triple jurge: 1, J Lapetin (USSR), 17.14m; 2, O Sakirkin (USSR), 18.70; 3, T Hornitsson (Swe), 16.93. Britiset: 4, V Semuels, 16.57; 8, J Herbert, 16.18. Shot: 1, K Bodenmuller (Ausma), 21.03m; 2, U Timmermenn (ES), 20.43; 3, S Buder (ES), 20.20. Pole vault: 1, R Getaudin (USSR), 5.80m; 2, G Egorov (USSR), 5.75; 3 equal, T Vigneron (Fr) and H Fehringer (Austria), 5.70. British: 10 equal, A Ashurst, 5.20. Long jump; 1, D Haaf (WG), B.11m; 2, E Medizard (Noth), 8.06; 3, R Emmyan (USSR), 8.06. British: 8, St Faulliner, 7.77.

WOMEN: 60m: 1, U Sarvari (WG), 7.10sec; 2, L. Bity (Fr), 7.13; 3, N. Fiere-Coomen (Neth), 7.14. 60m burdles: 1, L. Narozhilento (USSR), 7.74; 2, M. Ewange-Epse (Fr), 7.84; 3, M. Pogacsan (Rom), 7.99, 200ez: 1, U Sarvari (WG), 22.98; 2, N. Kovtam (USSR), 23.01; 3, G. Metchugina (USSR), 23.04. 400m: 1, M. Shonina

late on Friday night. He said: "I thought about what Andy had said and my feeling of respon-sibility was the only thing that

got me here. I knew that once I did well maybe everybody else

The British Amateur Athletic

Christie. A phone call from

Norman, the board's promotions officer, suggests otherwise, but its enokesmen. Tony Ward, and

an, Tony Ward, and

its spokesman, Tony Ward, and the Britain team manager, Les Jones, preferred to describe it on

Saturday as an attempt to make

him see sense.

Aged 30 next month, Christie
may have seen this as his last

national championship in

Britain. Norman told him: "The people here don't care what you

You have got to do it in your own back yard. This is where you will

Athens will be Christie's only

live in your retirement.

best work was done in the first move above Jonathan Ridg-20 metres as he sprinted from eon into second place behind

disappointing yesterday were Sally Gunnell, Diane Edwards and Dalton Grant. All three

Morrell's the most deserved. improvemen

Jarrett looked unbeatable in When Baker returned from his heat and semi-final of the Commonwealth Games, RESULTS FROM KELVIN HALL

(USSR), 51.22; 2, I Oente (Rom), 52.22; 3, J Forgecs (Hurt), 53.62; British: 4, S Gunnell, 53.38; 5, A Piggford, 53.82; 800er: 1, L Gurine (USSR), Zmin 01,63sec: 2, S Zwelner (WG), 202.23; 3, L Baker (GB), 202.42; 1,500er: 1, D Melinte (Rom),

competed in all three meetings in Britain since the Common-

wealth Games, in which he won

the 100 metres, and, unless voices impersonating Norman persuade him otherwise, he will

run at Cosford in the last two:

ships and an international match against the Soviet Union

and the United States the Son-

After complaining of the soft-ness of the Kelvin Hall track,

Christie's time on Saturday,

6.56sec, 0.01sec outside his British record, indicates that

Lee McRae's world record of 6.50sec should be at risk in

The quality of the probable opposition, McRae, Joe DeLoach and Mark

DeLoach and Mark Witherspoon, should provide a stimulus which, he said, wa

day after.

to be quick.

the gun and assumed a lead Colin Jackson in the British "I was going to do my first which he never conceded His all-time list. In the final, time, Imin 46.22sec, was the though, he was fractionally fastest in the world this year. too low on the last two flights
Britain's successes, how and had to settle for silver ever, were few. Particularly behind Igor Kazanov, of the Soviet Union, who recorded 7.52sec. Jarrett ran 7.58sec. At the start of the season won medals in Auckland but Jarrett was tenth in the

rankings with 7.89sec. Aged By contrast, though, there 21, he had wanted to take the were medals for three others opportunity, in Jackson's abback from the Games, taking sence, "to get myself rec-Britain's total to five. Tony ognized". It is a reflection of Jarrett's was the most impres- his ambition that he left more sive. Lorraine Baker's the disappointed at finishing secmost unexpected, and Tony ond than pleased at his

disappointment at finishing to be trying to pick a fight; 60 metres hurdles, on both she was so dishearted at finishing fifth in the 800 metres that she took a fortnight off training. She took the bronze in 2min 02.42sec, behind Liubov Gurina, of the Soviet Union, who recorded 2min 01.63sec.

Morrell's bronze was reward for his application. Prior to Auckland, reports that he was injured added unwanted pressure, particularly as they led to suggestions of an opening for Steve Cram. Morrell's fifth place in the 1,500 metres was not on the Matthew Yates scale of vindication, but his third place here will be good

(GB), 20242, 1,500m; 1, D Meirite (Rom), 4:09.73eo;; 2, S Gasser (Switz), 4:10.13, 3, V Beclea (Rom), 4:10.44, British; 7, D Edwards, 4:21.27, 3,000m; 1, E Van Hulst (Noth), 8:57.50; 3, A Hamann (EG), 9:00.31, British; 8, S McGeorge, 9:11.50, 3,000m; valit: 1, B Anders (EG), 11:59.36sec (world record); 2, I Salvador (N), 12:18.84; 3, A-R Sidoti (N), 12:27.94, Long Jassp: 1, G Christishons (USSR), 8.85m; 2, E Kokonova (USSR), 6.74; 3, H Radha (EG), 6.66, British; 11, K Hagger, 8:21, High Jassp: 1, H Henical (WG), 2,00m; 2, B Voeroes (EG), 1.94; 3, G Astalei (Rom), 1,94, British; 15, J Bennett, 1.80, Shot; 1, C Loech (WG), 20.54m; 2, N Licovskaya (USSR), 20.35; 3, G Hammer (EG), 19.53, British; 10, Y Hanson-Nortey, 15.72. Christie shows captain's pride journey into Europe on the boards this winter. He has

"I had to pretend that everybody was going to beat me," Christie said. "There is always a problem when you know you are going to win. The track here is slow and if I can run 6.56sec on this I can run a lot faster in

While Jason Livingston, a late addition to the team, provided an unexpected bonus in reaching the final on his first senior appearance, more invetmaigners with eyes on medals were less successful.

Stewart Faulkner fell short of the eight metres he was looking for in the long jump and finished eighth; David Sharpe, 800 metres champion two years ago, simply fell; Steve Crabb failed to make the final of the 3,000 metres; and Linda Keogh, who was expected to join Sally Gmnell in the 400 metres medals, failed to reach the final. Full tilt: Sam Wright, of Leicester, beats Sarah Rimmer, of Slough, and cracks in a cross Draw sees Southgate falter in Slough Wakefield revival

Stay top
The situation in the Typhoo
National Lengue between the two top clubs is unchanged after Slough drew 2-2 with Leicester on Saturday. Both clubs are unbeaten and Slough are still

with a match in hand.
The game at Bisham Abbey was aggressive and competitive, with no quarter given.

Karen Brown, who played a duct with Lesley Hobly to find the net in the eleventh minute after Leicester had had a goal from a penalty corner dis-allowed, and Mandy Pottow scored for Slough Mary Neville, voted player of the match, and Kathrya Edwards kept Leicester

RESULTS: Typhoo National League: Ealing 2 Chemisterd 1; Orpington 2 Exmouth 1: Hightown 4 Great Harwood 2; Sough 2 Lisicester 2. University match: Oxford 0, Cambridge 0; Cembridge 2nd XI 3, Oxford 2nd XI 1.

Wakefield caused the biggest Seabrook in the 44th. Slough

adding to the score. But Beechener started Wakefield's following up with two goals from open play in the 33rd and 44th minutes and Attala adding to the score three minutes before

the end. Two goals by Barber in the 46th and 48th minute enabled Slough to draw 2-2 with Havant, who had scored earlier through Hill in the fourteenth minute from a short corner and

RUGBY UNION

TOKYC: International: Japan 6, Fij 32.
CLUB MATCHES: Aberaion 6, Nottinghara
44; Abertillery 13, Blaine 9; Bath 38, Plymouth
Ablon 14; Masesay 9, Carolif 23; Penerir 22,
Tredegar 16: Pusaypool 21, Buroughnair 23;
Pontyprod 25, Bristol 22, Cancelled: Cross
Keys v Chelleritam.
UNIVERSTILES MATCHES: French Universities 37, Scotland Universities 18.

SKIING

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland: World Cap: Meer: Statem: First leg: 1, A Bitter (WG), 44.95ac; 2, M Tribscher (Austria), 45.09; 3, A Tombs (6), 45.19. Glant dislott: First leg: 1, H Pieren (Switz), 1min 17.21ac; equal 2, J Walner (Swe), 1:11.35, and R Krosli (Austria), 1:11.35.

SKI JUMPING

sourngate got away to a confident start, with Kerly converting a penalty stroke in the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes and Western adding to the score that the second minutes are the second minutes and Western and Thomas revival by converting a short shot to the top of the scorers' list corner in the 31st minute, Kerry with a total of 14 goals.

FOR THE RECORD

by winning the 60 metres, inching ahead in the last few strides.
Christie did not reverse his ATHLETICS

WADESPIDGE English Schools' Cross
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Marchester), 22:17: 3. D Rankin (Gr.
Marchester), 22:18. Tenes: West Mickards.
Juniors: 1, S West (Leics), 18:39; 2, K Farrow
(Dertys), 18:37: 3, D Clark (Durham), 18:55.
Tenes: West Midlands. Girles Seniors: 1, A
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17:20; 3, A Rambin (Gr. Marchester), 17:25.
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(SUTroy), 14:50; 2, P Radchife (Beds.), 15:03; 3,
J Keenan (Durham), 15:13. Tenes: Northumberland.
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Northumberland.
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GOSPORTH PARK: Ernie Thompson me-model road relay: 1. Gateshoad, 1hr 18min 50eet; 2. Gostorin, 1:20:54: 3. Chester-le-Street, 1:22:12. Peatest lapt P Cusion (Vall). 19min 06eet.



TAPES UPDATED DAILY

BADMINTON

Wildel EDON: Purse Surrey Open champion-ships: Merc Guntre-finale: 5 Beddeley b; C Palmer, 15-7, 15-3; Harmsworth bt P Smith, 15-4, 15-3; M Smith bt M Elich, 15-7, 15-3; P Knowles bt A Pipe, 15-2, 15-5. Semi-finale: Smith in Knowles, 18-14, 15-5; Semi-finale: Smith in Knowles, 18-14, 15-6; Saddeley bt Harmsworth, 15-12, 15-2; Final: Baddeley bt Smith, 18-14, 15-6; Women: Semi-finale: F Smith bt S Hore, 11-8, 11-0; S Louis bt J Bradbury, 11-3, 11-7, Final: Louis bt Smith, 12-9, 9-12, 11-4. 12-9, 9-12, 11-4.

HELSWER: Finnish: Open: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: M Frost (Den) bt D Hall (Eng), 15-6, 15-7; H Susanto (Rind) bt A Nethern (Eng), 15-11, 15-6. Finals: Frost to Susanto, 15-13, 4-15, 15-9. Women: Singles: Semi-finals: P Nodergard (Den) bt J Auggertoge (Eng), 17-7, 11-2; C Magnusson (See) bt Kim J-Tryun, 11-9, 11-5. Finals: Nedergard bt C Magnusson, 12-10, 11-0.

BASKETBALL DASNE I BALL.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Secremento Kings 104. Citariotte Hornets 103: Los Angales Cippers 107, Indiana Pacers 105; New Jersey Nets 114, Albana Hewis 105; Washington Bullets 132, Ortando Megic 128 [207]; Houston Rockets 129, Golden State Warriors 109: New York Knicks 106, Milwauhee Bucks 105; Darver Naggets 106, Dalbay Mayericks 89; Utah Jazz 112, San Antono Sours 98; Portland Trell Blazers 110, Seattle SuperSonics 88.

CRESTA RUN ST MCRITZ: Nigel Moores Memorial: 1, R Gansser (Switz), 39.46sec; 2, C Natur (Switz), 100.30; 3, M Meicher (Switz), 100.86.

SHEFFIELD SHELD: Intellocures: Victoria 272 and 183 for 5 (M Politin 4 for 28), Cusernsland 388 for 4 dex (6 Rachiel 187 not out, 5 Lian 65 not out, Adelainde: South Australia 291 for 5 dec gnd 284 for 9 dec (M Bewell 88, D Lehmann 63. P McPhys 5 for 73), Tismismia 225 and 19 for 0. Partic Western Australia 317 and 247 Li Brayshaw 89, W Androws 59), New South Wales 235 and 5 for 0. CRADLEY HEATH: Indoor: England 68, Australia 133. Australia won by 65 runs. England B 22. Australia Select 91. Australia

CYCLING SAVONA. Italy: Laiguegia Trophy (155km); 1, 1 Sorenaer (Dan), 4hr 09mm 32sec: 2, G iganza (ti), 3, B Leal (ti), both same time. EQUESTRIANISM

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ALGIERS: African Cur: Group A: Nory Coast 3. Egypt 1. Group E: Sanegai 0, Kanya 0: Zamba 1, Cameroon 0, KUWAIT: Gelf Capt Iraq 2, UAE 2: Cater 4, Owan 2: CHART: GOT CARE For 2, UAE 2 CARRY 4, CHART: GERMAN LEACUE: Hamburg St Peuli 1, Karlenthe 1; Werder Bremen 0, Homburg 0, FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 2, Paris St German 0.

OVERBEN PAPERS CONSIDIATION: Norwich 1, because 6.7

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

TON: England v Soviet Union (Milton Keynes). BILLIARDS: UK Championships ICE HOCKEY: English League play-offs: Floriford v Chelmsford (8.0).

BASKETBALL: Screensport 2-3.30 and 4.45-7.30pm: Highlights of the American Losgue, The Harless Globelrotters, and Colloge match: Duke v Clergon. Colings match: Duke v Clemson. Superboute: Arguello v Escalera from Italy: Screensport 9.15-10.45pm: Professional swent from the United States.
CRICKET: Eurosport 3-4pm: West Incline v England: Highlights of the third con-day interastational from Kingston, Jameics.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 4-5pm: The Horse Show: Eurosport 8.30-5am.

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INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT:
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FA YOUTH CUP: Manchester United v
Lenester (7.0).
SCHOOLS MATCH: U-18 International:
England v Netherlands (Roker Park, 7.0).
South West Counties championship U19: Berkshire v Hampshire (Palmer Park, 8.0). Sam.

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EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEKS

Eurosport 8-9pm: Review of the week's TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 7-8.50em: Highlights of the Bossers Journal Plontin Open. FOOTBALL: Edrosport 1-3pm: Screensport 7.30-9.15pm: Highlights of the Meritore Cup. UPDATE: Screensport 7.50pm.

upset in the Poundstretcher slipped into second place, a National League first division point above Southgate, who yesterday by defeating Southhave a game in hand, leaving gate, the champions, 4-2 at Hounslow with a five-point Bradford to record their first lead. RESULTS: Poundstretcher Mational League: Frat Strainer Stormey 1, East Grissted 2: Carnock 1, Sourport 1; Indian Gymkhans 0, Hounslow 2; Isos 4, Harborne 1; Reading 0, Welson 3; Old Loughtonulus 2; Waksfield 4, Souringste 2, Second divisions: Smain 3, Guidford 1; Cambridge City 2, Neston 1; Cambridge City 2, IN BRIEF RUGBY LEAGUE EMPL NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Million 22. Look Laire 12. Second division: Astem 14. East Leeds 0. National cap: Taird round: Seddieworth 16. Upton and Frighty 12. Fourth round: Leign East 36, Newtrih 12. SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Fautherstone 16. Ochsm 20; Trafford Borough 20, Dews-bury 14; Writshinken 12, Bradford Monthern 28; Widnes 24, Carliele 26. SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Scottadale Classic: Record-robie sound: J Courier (US) bit A Agusti (US), 7-6, 6-0; A Virialistein (US) bit E Sanchez (Sp), 7-8, 6-4; T Mayotte (US) bit Jim Grabb (US), 6-4, 6-1.

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Kilian, who resigned from the Communist party three months ago, aimed the offer for negotiations at his West German counterpart. Hans Harsen. Kilian, aged 61, has been president of his country's luge and bobsleigh federations and vice-president of the international bobsleigh federation.

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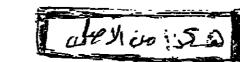
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Cartall (II) bt L Hessier, (Med), 5-7, 6-3. Fine): Indoor first

European men's indoor hockey club championship at Amiens in France where they beat Amsterdam 8-4 to capture the gold

yesterday. Bad break

Romario, the Brazilian inter-national football player, broke his leg playing for PSV Eind-hoven in their 9-2 win over Den Haag yesterday in the Dutch league yesterday. He is doubtful for the World Cup finals this summer.

Steve Saunders began the defence of his British motor cycle trials championship with a vic-tory on the Cleveland event in Yorkshire yesterday.



Fielding lapses cost England dear

Cricket Correspondent Kingston, Jamaica

The Test match was won by nine wickets, the one-day international lost on the final ball. Anyone emerging from a week in the jungle and hearing such bare bones of cricket news would make the natural assumption on the division of spoils and be hopelessly

Saturday's palpitating climax at Sabina Park - lan Bishop, needing two runs from the last ball, hit it for four - gave the West Indies only their third win in 14 limited overs internationals against England. But if the result brought them relief, it

was obtained at a high price. In trying to take a return catch, fiercely driven by Allan Lamb, Malcolm Marshall hroke a bone at the base of his index finger. It is his left hand, and he has bowled heroically before now with the same hand incapacitated, but it is inconceivable that he would go into the second Test, in Guyana next Saturday, with such an injury. Pessimistic estimates put him out for four

This was the last thing the West Indies needed. Already, their attack is without Ambrose. To lose Marshall, even the Marshall who performed so listlessly in the first Test, leaves them short on experience and, dare one say it, vulnerable. It is also the third injury they have suffered to key players, whereas England have remained relatively untroubled. It cannot have done much to revive their spirits.

er Park

Yet another injury had disnapted the West Indies even before play began, although this one is only transitory. one quota of overs. But on this Gordon Greenidge has long sluggish pitch the slow bowler been a martyr to back trouble could contain and they bowled and he was forced to withdraw with what the team manager, Clive Lloyd, called "spasms". He may also miss the next limited-overs match, on Wednesday, but expects to return at the weekend for what will be his 98th Test match.

England were able to choose from a full complement; Gooch then won the toss. Things were going sus-piciously well, as if the fates were determined to make amends for their neglect last had made quite sufficient.

For Gooch, however, one frugal new ball bowling by problem looms. When Bishop bowled him around his legs in and at last bowling an effthe sixth over, it was the third ective length, and the ad-time inside a week that he had mirable Small. The 10-overs been out trying to force the score was 26 for two and the ball behind square on the leg crowd stood and whistled side. At least one of his Test their derision as Richardson match dismissals was a shade organized a cautious recovery. unfortunate but each of them indicated that he has lapsed son had battled like a man into that old, worrying way of falling across to the off side as his shots. Now, he was much

he plays such shots. youth, which in a sense he has, and for the next hour he kept over, dispensing rough treat-internationals, England were ment to both Marshall and absurdly charitable. He was

SCORECARD FROM KINGSTON

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Total (8 wicts, 50 overs)
Did not bat: E E Hemmings, A R C Fraser FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-71, 3-117, 4-117, 5-185, 8-206, 7-212, 8-214. BOWLING: Marshall 10-1-39-1 (nb 1, w 3); Bishop 10-1-28-4; Watsh 6-0-38-1 (nb 1); Moseley 6-1-15-0 (nb 1, w 2); Richards 9-0-34-0 (w 1); Hooper 9-0-34-2.

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Extras (b 12, tb 4, w 1, nb 1) . Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)
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RESIGNING ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: March 7: Fourth international (Guyana); April 3: Fitth international (Barbados). West Indies lead best-of-live series 1-0, with first two matches rained off.

needed Moseley, having his first bowl for the West Indies under the added strain of boos and taunts from a section of the crowd evidently unwilling to concede he has officially been forgiven for touring South Africa.

Walsh finally summoned an inswinger to remove Larkins but Smith and Lamb were both in touch. Richards introduced himself and Hooper, initially, no doubt, to share nine each. Soon, Hooper was on a hat-trick, Stewart greeting his first ball dismissal with theatrical disbelief.

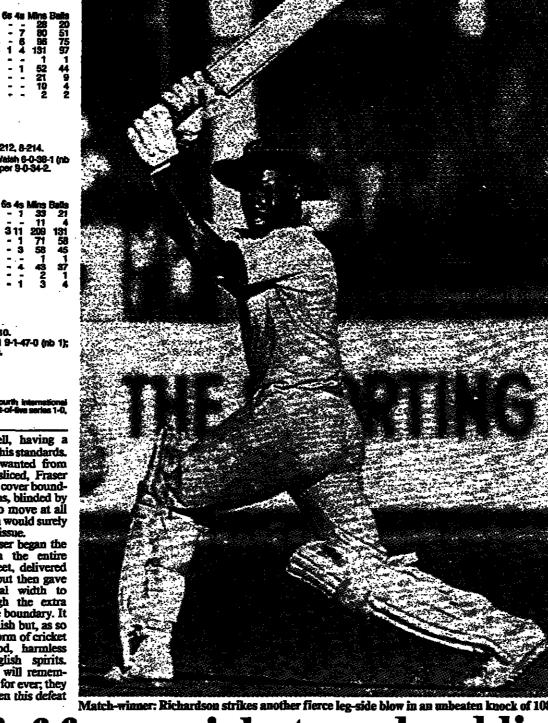
Despite Lamb, top scorer again and out only in the final over as Bishop completed impressive figures, England's innings withered disappointingly. They managed only 42 from the last 10 overs and ended 20 short of par. For the first hour of the West Indies reply, however, it seemed they

Both openers failed against DeFreitas, back in the side In the Test match, Richard-

who could not wait to show off more circumspect but, as he who had discovered a second over with Richards, he always kept the target within range. Well though he played for the scoring tate above four an his third century in one-day

twice by Russell, having a wretched day by his standards. Then, with 22 wanted from three overs he sliced, Fraser high towards the cover boundary where Larkins, blinded by the sun, failed to move at all for a catch which would surely have settled the issue. As it was, Fraser began the

final over with the entire ground on its feet, delivered five good balls but then gave Bishop the vital width to heave it through the extra cover gap for the boundary. It was a stirring finish but, as so often with this form of cricket it was fast food, harmless enough to English spirits. Gooch's players will remember the first Test for ever, they will have forgotten this defeat



Match-winner: Richardson strikes another fierce leg-side blow in an unbeaten knock of 108

Relief for a cricket-mad public

Park crowd, as Ian Bishop managed to secure a narrow victory over England in the first match of the one-day international series to be completed, proved how much cricket and the success of the West Indies side mean to the public here. Obviously stung by the defeat in the Test tch, a loss in the one-day international as well would have been a severe blow for cricket lovers all over the

West Indies again showed themselves to be fallible. The match ebbed and Larkins has no such trou- added 51 at three an over with flowed throughout, and even bles. He is batting like a man Hooper and then 84 at six an though England's total had despite Richardson's hundred, the home side nearly managed

I have to admit that the

David Gower

The former England captain comments on the one-day international in Kingston

taken the best part of 8% hours to get to a point where the entire game hung on the relative abilities of one man to make good contact with the bat and another to deny him the opportunity to do so.

This is the lottery that is one-day cricket, and that, on this occasion, the man with the bat won, does not mean we have to start jumping up a down on Angus Fraser's back in criticism. But for a yard or so of extra length, the game could have been England's, but then one can start reliving

the fact that the West Indies

Richardson's century proved the value of reconnaissance even in the supposed mayhem of one-day cricket. The time he spent adapting to the pace and bounce of the pitch paid off handsomely when West Indies desperately needed to accelerate. Both his confidence, after an unproductive Test, and that of his side were given a useful lift.

For the West Indies to have lost the game on the final ball could have led them to believe

them. For England to have continued their winning ways could have reinforced their achievements in the Test

Viv Richards had earlier stated that, whatever happened in the one-day matches, it would be the Test matches that counted. This remains perfectly true and it would be highly ironic if, for once, England took the Test series and West Indies were only able to hold on to the one-day matches.But do not ask me for

England A make promising start after early blows

From Richard Streeton, Harare

Only 152 runs came all day, while nine wickets fell, as Zim-babwe and England A locked antlers in their international match here yesterday. It was less tedious cricket than might be thought, and with three days left, neither side can yet claim to

Atherton and Blakey cometed door half-centuries shortbefore the close, when England were 115 for two. It was a promising reply to Zimbabwe's first innings of 290, after they failed to capitalize on their good start on Saturday. The ball had already begun to bounce unevenly.

Something of a crisis loomed for England early in the afternoon after Brandes took two wickets in his first five overs. Darren Bicknell fell first ball against one that cut back and skidded through low. Stephenson had already given one chance to the wicketkeeper before he was caught by the same player off a ball which lifted.

Atherton, who seems to see the ball so late, always looked relaxed and was mostly content to take runs off his legs. Blakey, shirt collar turned up with sleeves buttoned at the wrists, brought further reminders of Boycott with numerous defen-

sive prods.

By tea it was 50 for two, before 65 runs came in the last period, the day's most produc-tive session, as Blakey unfurled tive session, as Blakey unfurled the occasional off drive. Atherton faced 194 balls, Blakey 190; grim stuff, perhaps, but Keith Fletcher, the England coach, described it as "top quality batting of Test match type in the circumstances." Mark Nicholas, the captain, said: "We had to consolidate and now we can face tomorrow and now we can face tomorrow

vith confidence."

England bowled far more purposefully earlier than they had done on Saturday, and Igglesden, in particular, moved the ball both ways as he took three for four in his first four overs. Pringle bowled 15 overs unchanged through the morning taking one for 15, and the initial possibility of a Zimbabwian total of more than 400 was never allowed to materialize.

Igglesden struck in his first over by having Flower leg-before as the batsman shuffled backwards in front of his stumps. Flower had been missed twice on Saturday before he scored, but after this he settled down and his left-handed ob-stinacy proved invaluable as he

the fourth wicket. There were seven specialist batsmen in the Zimbabwean batting order, but the planning went awry. Without addition Paterson drove loosely against

legiesden and Atherton, at second slip, held a good, low catch, two-handed to his left. Houghton's, of course, was the wicket England needed, and leglesden did the trick in his next over. Houghton, who had scored 108, mistimed a drive

and Watkin just held on to the This was the fifth first class century of Houghton's career. He faced 247 balls, hit 13 fours and, after a stay of five hours 10 minutes, had ensured that Zimbabwe did not let themselves

After this, the remaining Zimbabwian players made little attempt to score runs, but their resolute defensive strokes left the English bowlers in despair.

Pringle, swinging the ball and
getting some bounce — and
seldom blessed by luck — evenmally had Triacos leg-before. A concerted appeal and a clenche fist punching the air by the bowler seemed to sway the umpire as much as anything, because the batsman certainly did not like the decision. Jarvis was run out when Thorpe, from cover point, hit

the stumps at the bowler's end direct, and Pringle had Duers caught behind in the last over before lunch. Afterwards Arnott, who had his right index lines to be the stump of finger broken by Igglesden on Saturday, came out but did not face a ball as Brandes was soon then caught behind.

then caught behind.
ZIMBABWE: First Innings
A H Shah c Rhodes b Pringle
K J Arnott not out.
C M Roberson c Bisksy b Afford
A J Pycroft lbw b Afford
D L Houghton c Watish b Igglesden
A Flower lbw b Inglesden
G A Paterson c Afherton b Inglesden
A J Traloos lbw b Pringle
M P Jervis run out.

Total 290
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-57, 3-167, 4-260, 5-260, 6-261, 7-279, 8-264, 9-266
BOWLING: Iggiesden 24-8-50-8; Watdon 16.3-3-64-1; Pringle 33-1-70-3; Afford 37-12-58-2; Atherson 15-1-41-0.

Total (2 wids) 115
"M C J Nicholas, G P Thorpe, 1S J
Rhodes, D R Pringle, A P Igglesden, S L
Watter and J A Afford to bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-13.

Villa fancied to climb

Aston Villa indoor cricket team, which has won the Midlands division of the Tankard National League, is the favourite to ain promotion to the Premier League (Ivo Tennant writes).

In the play-offs, on March 18, it competes against Canterbury and Strikers of Birmingham, who were confirmed yesterday as winners of the southern and northern divisions respectively. The National League season,

with the play-offs at Crickets Wicket in Leeds. Additional play-offs involve the top four sides in the Premier League to determine the champions. Rochdale are the favourites. Both indoor cricket leagues

which began in November, ends

have been in existence for four years. There is no western division of the Tankard Natnot being many western teams.

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Walsh. To slow the progress it missed four times, including thought struck me that it had every moment without altering O'Donnell makes brief work of New Zealand

From Oamar Ahmed, Christchurch

New Zealand, bowled out for 94, were soundly beaten by 150 runs by Australia in the Rothmans Cup one-day international yesterday at Lan-

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After losing Marsh in Hadlee's first over, Australia recovered through a solid stand of 145 between Dean Jones and Boon, Jones going on to reach his fourth century in one-day internationals to ensure that Australia would reach a formidable total.

New Zealand's chase began well but ended disastrously. Martin Crowe, leading the side in the absence of Wright, who had influenza, opened with Greatbatch and they had 39 on the board in 10 overs before both were dismissed.

Andrew Jones and Rutherford put on 40 for the third wicket before a complete collaps against O'Donnell and Campbell, which saw the last eight wickets fall while 15 runs were scored.

John Price, of Swanses, made

as he celebrated his win over lan Schuback, of Australia, in the

final of the £81,000 Embassy

world indoor singles champ-ionship at the Preston Guild

"it's a dream come true," he said. "I never expected to win. I

just took one game at a time.

Winning was a bonus." Every

word was freshly minted and straight from the heart.

Price, who would have been voted "the man most likely" in any players' poll has at last arrived. Putting behind him the

image of flatterer, he substituted libre for frailty and outlasted the Australian who, in terms of physique, appeared the stronger

"I was particularly pleased with the way I was able to win the second set." Price said. "Ian

Rackemen not out...... Extras (17 lb, 3 w, 3 nb)

BOWLING: Hadee 10-1-43-2 (2nb): Morri-son 9-0-51-7 (7nb, 2w): Snedden 10-2-32-3 (1w): Larsen 10-0-32-1; Thomson 8-0-49-0; Bracewell 3-0-20-0.

T D S Small C Color C Compbell
J G Bracovell b O'Donnell
M C Snedden c Jones b O'Don
D K Morrison not out
Extras (ib-3, w-3, nb-1)

● On Saturday, Australia beat India by 18 runs. After being restricted to 187 for nine they bowled India out for 169, Alderman taking five for 32.

49-0; Bracewell S-0-20-0.

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A H Jones c Border b Campbell ...

*M J Grebbesch c Health Backeme
K R Rubberford Bow b O'Donnell ...

S Thomson b O'Donnell ...

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By David Rhys Jones

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Argentines bemused by MCC leg spinner Earlier, on a slow dusting

In 1893 the Argentines were the first cricket side to visit pitch, the MCC opener, David Chile. The journey to Santiago took 31/2 days and the Andes were crossed by mule. Serious consideration was given to using this mode of transport when a strike at Buenos Aires penetration. airport meant that we were diverted to the Chilean

Fortunately we arrived in time to play the first one-day international of our tour and won by 30 runs after a sparkling knock by the stocky right-hander, Donny Forrester, who reminds me of the Australian Greg Ritchie, had given Argentina a chance of overhauling a modest MCC

In the end only the excitable home temperament prevented the embarrassment of defeat. Both Forrester and Morris, who had given valuable support in a stand of 79, ran themselves out before Mark Boocock, the Cheshire leg spinner, baffled the remaining

Briance, had scored a brilliant century which included three cleanly struck sixes. The Argentine fielding was very keen but the bowling lacked

| Boccock, a unable yield of bet. | Homester | Lowelles: Morris 12-3-31-2; Forester | 2-3-44-0; Caburt 9-3-25-1; Ryan 9-2-27-6 (Kirschbeum 9-0-36-1; Bryans 9-0-36-

Ryan c and b Crossley. um at Cass b Boocock....

Total (55.2 overs) 174

BOWLING: Dennis 11.24-17-2; Tonaley
9-3-18-1; Farrell 9-1-36-1; Parker 5-1-16-0; Crossley 9-0-36-1; Boocock 12-2-43-3.

BOWLS Price outlasts Australian in final

was an important set, because sport's heary cliches sound new after losing the first I couldn't as he celebrated his win over lan see me winning three sets in a have energy in reserve. row against him."
The third end of the second David Bryant and Tony Allcock beat Yates and set saw the first seven bowls in Schuback by three sets to one on turn achieve exactly what was intended. The shot went to Schuback, but Price had made

his point, too.

The Weishman could have Schubeck (Aus) bt G Smith (Eng), 7-5, 4-7, 7-5, 7-0. Finel: J Price (Wal) bt Schubeck, 4-7, 7-4, 7-2, 3-7, 7-0. Peirs: Finel: D Bryant and T Alcock (Eng) is 1 Years and Schubeck (Aus), 3-7, 7-4, 3-7, 7-3, 7-2. won the third set in two ends. but Schuback reduced a potential full house on the second end which, following an opening three, would have scaled the set.

Schuback took a two on the next end, but Price was not to be denied and got his set-winning single on the fourth.

A good run took Schuback from 2-3 to 7-3 in the fourth, but Price dominated the fifth and final set, scoring on all four ends for a 7-0 whitewash.

The bronzed Australian who, with Jim Yates, also lost in the

pairs final, looked tired, while the pale, wan Price seemed to

Saturday to take the pairs title for the fourth time in five years.

• Inverness, last year's beaten finalists, saw their hopes of going one better in this year's Lodge Sports Scottish team championship disappear at Fintry yesterday when they were beaten 5-3 by Tevioidale.
Turriff had the biggest win in
the quarter-finals, defeating
Whiteinch 8-0 while Newton

as Maxwell is edged out Peter Maxwell, of Kirkby

Wheelers Austin Steel They were among a 30-strong leading group which ripped through the rest of the field of 200 riders, who started up to 3min 45sec ahead on the 1%mile Aintree circuit. Despite pouring rain, they covered the 50 miles in 1hr 44min 34sec.

CYCLING

Gornall wins

50 miles in 1hr 44min 34sec.
RESULTS Kirthy RC Eddle Sams 50mile handicap: 1. M Gormali,
(Manchester-Austin Steel), thr 44min
34sec 2. P Manwell, (Kirthy RC; 3. G
Sword, (Marchester Wheelers); 4. W
Randle (Dennington RC; 5. N Bashop (ABC
Commonito); 6, J Nugries (Liverpool Mercury); 7, F Hempsin (Chestened Couneurs); 8, R Hugnes (Dee Side Olympics);
9, C Creagnan (Chesterleid Coursurs).

Colorvision, missed a repeat of last year's victory in his club's Eddie Sams 50-mile handicap at Aintree by only inches, when he came second to the Commonwealth Games rider, Mark Gornall, of Manchester

Scots reserve their best for the last

For the first time two of the home countries will arrive unbeaten to contest rugby's grand slam when England play the Scots at Murrayfield on March 17. The rarity of such an event engenders the hope that the play will be worthy of the occasion - or, at the very least, an improvement on Saturday's five nations' championship match at Cardiff Arms Park.

It was a poor game, poorly refereed. Scotland won, by a try and three penalty goals to a goal and a penalty but had they lost they could hardly have complained. For much of the game Wales enjoyed territorial domination which they were unable to convert into points; the Scots, for their part, came to dominate pos-session in the second half but lacked the ambition to do much that was positive with it.

On their behalf, though, it must be said that to share the leadership of the champ-ionship table with England they have won twice away from home, including Cardiff where England, for example, have consistently failed. Even so, there seems a danger that if, as both Ian McGeechan and David Sole did, you reiterate the difficulties of winning in Cardiff often enough, you do yourself a disservice. Scotland were content to play off their middle five - that is, the back row and half backs - and hope

that Wales made the mistakes.
They did. "There were performances of credit from some players," Ron Waldron, the new Welsh coach, said, "and a lack of discipline from others so Scotland received 10 points as a gift."

Those 10 points gave Scot-land their 10-3 half-time advantage. Armstrong was allowed to run through a breaking lineout and the support of Jeffrey and Sole gave Cronin a try; an obvious offside by Davies and handling on the ground by Mark Jones allowed Chairners two simple (if goal-kicking in internationals can be described thus) penalties.

Waldron was not unduly dismayed by the result: of them. "Within the structure of the

Five nations table

we saw many exciting things. I hope we can build on those to get into the habit of winning." If Wales had been able to

build on the excellent try, his first for his country, that Emyr scored they might even have won this match, since the conversion took them to 10-9, but it was the more experienced Scots who responded better, assisted by the absence of Evans, who left the field after hurting his neck.

Even so, Scotland made nothing of their domination of the set pieces. They set out to expose the Weish front row ("They were slightly lighter in the scrum than we have encountered before," Sole said diplomatically), which spent much of the match in the greatest discomfort. Williams made a consid-

erable contribution about the field in his first international but there were times when Rene Hourquet might even have considered awarding a penalty try to Scotland after consistent scrummage pres-sure five metres from the Welsh line. Not that it was always evident upon what basis the French referee made his decisions - the lineout was an appalling jumble, at which the Scots knew more than the Welsh, and both there and at the rucks the Welsh seemed to get the rough end of the stick. But Wales contributed to their own downfall by losing so much loose possession. Robert Jones, their captain, made a telling point when he complimented two of his British Lions colleagues, Jeffrey and White, for their hunting in tandem and ability to wrap up man and ball; this permitted Armstrong an effective game

who should have made more Scotland's defence, how-

from scrum half, his speed off

the mark and strength through

the tackle nearly carrying him to a try and setting up

opportunities for colleagues

Hastings was decisive and, closer to the scrums, nothing passed White and Jeffrey. In 3 3 0 083 13 6 3 3 0 047 19 6 4 2 0 267 78 4 3 0 0 334 76 0 3 0 0 32267 0 retrospect the 10-minute period preceding half-time was critical because Wales estab-

lished themselves on the Scot-tish line but could not score. Thorburn missed a penalty, as he did twice more from halfway after the interval, but he should have had further chances because Wales did not possess a strong enough scrum to give themselves a decent platform from which to drive

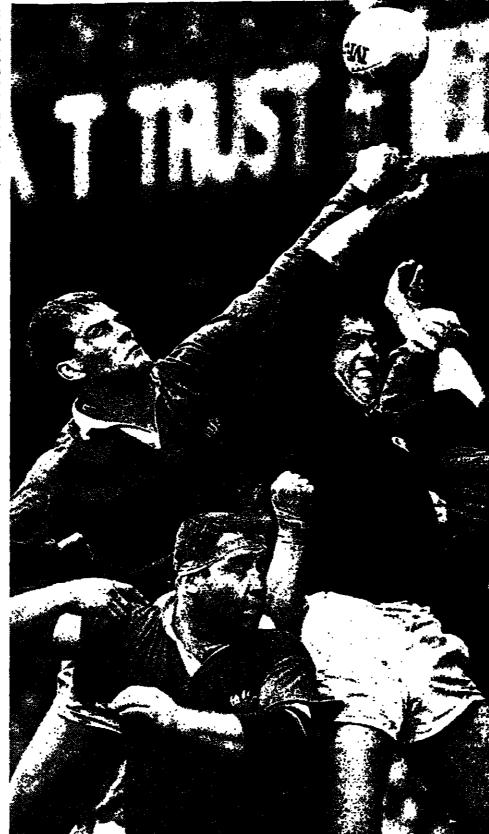
The unruly lineout hindered Phillips's attempts to find Llewellyn and Mark Jones — to whom he throws every weekend for Neath and the hooker will have to curb himself of his club habit of taking quick tapped pen-alties when the support does not go with him.

He was, of course, endeavouring to keep the tempo of the game alive as he did for the best moment of the match, Emyr's try, which came from a tapped penalty and subsequent ruck; Thorburn, who moved more effectively into attack than for some time, made the initial break on the right, Robert Jones and Hall supported him before Collins threw the telling long pass to Bateman with the cover shredded and the Swansea wing stretched his long legs to the line.

Bateman, however, penalized for a deliberate knock down in front of his own posts when he was going for an interception and Chalmers kept Scottish noses marginally in front. "We have not played our best rugby for 80 minutes this season," Sole reflected - hoping no doubt that the best is being kept for

SCORERS: Wales: Try: Ernyr. Conversion: Thorburn. Panelity: Thorburn. Scolland: Try: Cronin. Panelity: Thorburn. Scolland: Try: Cronin. Panelity: Cardiny is R Hall (Cardin), M G Ring (Cardin), A G Batanan (Neath), A Ennyr (Swansea); D W Evens (Cardin; no. A Clement. Swansea), R N Jones (Swansea), Cardin; rop. A Clement. Swansea), R N Jones (Swansea), Cardin; R H Philips (Neath), J D Pugh (Neath), M A Parago (Lianell), P T Davies (Lianell), G O Lianellyn (Neath), R G Colline (Cardin), M A Jones (Neath),

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (London Scottish): A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonisms), B R P Linean (Boroughmair), I Takala (Selfrit): C M Cheinners (Melrose), G Amestrong (Jed-Forset): D M B Sele (Edinburgh Academicals, capt), K S Milee (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), J Jestrey (Kelso), C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath, F Calder (Stevent's Melville FP), D B white (London Scottish),



One jump ahead: Llewellyn, supported by Pugh, outleaping Gray, of Scotland, at a lineout

The nearly men of Ireland in generous mood

From Bryan Stiles Paris

ireland. The trouble with the nearly-men of Ireland is that they are in

The trouble with the hearty-men of Ireland is that they are in danger of turning losing into an art form. They have been handing victory to their opponents so graciously this season they seem to have forgotten the killer instinct is almost a pre-requisite for success at this level. They nearly caused an upset at Pare de Princes on Saturday but instead they conceded the highest number of points in their history to the French as they went down by two goals, a try and five penalty goals to four penalties. They nearly scored a handful of tries but poor finishing let them down. They nearly stayed onside but presented Camberabero with his first three penalty goals instead by taking a few steps too many forward.

Their coach, Jimmy Davidson, must take what comfort be son, must take what comfort he can from the praise his team has

received from the coaches of all three of the teams that have beaten them this season. Jacques Fouroux even went so far as to claim: "It was like a minefield out there. The Irish played with such spirit and they won a lot of ball." Luckily for France, Ireland just could not

rrance, treams just could not provide the coup de grace.

The Irish were handed a distinct psychological advantage when Lhermet, the French flanker, went off injured in the eighteenth minute and two minutes. utes later Blanco was assisted from the field with a calf muscle injury. Both had already made telling contributions and Blanco had looked far sharper than he has done in previous matches.

Lhermet's replacement, Mel-

ville, became the first foreign national to play for France. Melville, who was born in South Africa and took out French citizenship last December, quickly settled into the back row. Sella moved to full back to allow Andricu to take over in the centre. It was a move that should have cost France some points as Sella's defensive abil-

ty was woeful. Fortunately for m the Irish could not exploit his deficiency. The "villain" of the peace though was Camberabero. Whenever he set up the ball to kick for goal in the second half he was greeted by deafening whistles from the French crowd who were demanding that France run the ball instead.

French supporters have been denied the pleasure of too much

open play because of their coach's insistence on forward

power play. Camberabero scemed to thrive on the abuse though and thrive on the abuse though and picked up 19 points, missing with only one of his eight kichs. Kiernan was almost as productive, missing with two of his six penalty attempts to become freland's only scorer. He replaced Andy Irvine, of Scotland, as the highest scoring five nations player, having taken his points tally to 281 by the end of the match. Camberabero gave Prance the lead in the cieventh minute.

lead in the eleventh minute with a penalty after O'Hara was caught offside. Four minutes later Kiernan replied with a huge kick from just unside the French half.

The Irish centre strayed off-The Irish centre strayed off-side in front of his own points to enable Camberabero to add to his haul and 10 lears the French stand-off split the Irish defence with a fine diagonal run before sending in Mesnel near the nosts.

posts.

Irish spirits were revived by
Kiernan's second penalty which
closed the gap to 12-6 at half
time but shortly after the interval Camberabero struck twee with penalties which signaled the end of any hope for Ireland. He and Kiernan collected one more apiece before House sped through the middle of the Irish defence to put in Lagraquet. The tragedy for Ireland was that the try had stemmed from the breakdown of an Irish attack. They had looked likely to collect a try but a pass went astray bear the French line.

Mesnel secured the final try when he gained possession in open play and cut back inside the cover defence to score near

in the last match of the season to decide who gets the wooder spoon. Their supporters will be hoping they will not be as generous to the Weish as they were to France.

Vere to France. Tries: Meand (2), Lagisquet. Convenienc Camberbero (2), Penetry goals: Camberbero (5), ivalend. Penetry goals: Temper (4), PRANCE: S. Messeo (Dierritz, 190; M. FRANCE: S Shareo (Diarriz, rep. M. Andrieu, Nimes): P Honian (Burrio), P Solin (Agen), F Moorel (Riching), P Laplaquel (Brychrek; D Cambassher (Bucrist), M Sanz (Barbonse); M Pajelle (Nice), L Amery (Lourides), P Cheleris (Burriot), J III Livetmet (Montary, Critical Residency), J Condon (Burriot), J Davente (Burriot), J Condon (Burriot), O Section E Mulvella, Touton), T Devenges (Hinnes), J Coodoon (Bannes), O Devenges (Doo, L. Poortques (Doo, L. Poortques (Doo, L. Poortques (Doo, L. Poortques (Doo, L. Poortques), D. Marsan (Dolptes), F. P. Demeker (Garryoweri), K. D. Creeske' (Insoniera), E. A. Smilin (Deford University), E. F. Albertes (Lamidoune), J. J. Pittigerald (Multipler), F. J. Ringarian (Dolptes), F. J. Ringarian (Dolptes), T. J. Ringarian (Dolptes), T. J. Ringarian (Dolptes), W. P. Halland, Consolution, P. T. O'Herr (Sunday's Well), D. S. Lestinat (Consolution, Capp), H. P. Pristelle (Siscirock College), W. D. Modifide (Ballottok), N. P. Marsanon (Contributos), Reference M. McCartrary (Stockhool), Reference M. McCartrary (Stockhool), Reference M. McCartrary (Stockhool),

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The long view remains the right one for Wales

matter of hope raised on a cloud of expectation, but no base of firm calculation. Too much was expected too soon. These are anxious times for Welsh rugby and no one man carrying a torch for the international team alone can be a as he is, of the extensive true replacement for the man surgery that needs to be who carries a torch for the accomplished. whole of Welsh rugby at every

There remains for Wales and so render some confidence the danger that with one satisfying victory all will be well again. Ron Waldron, the merely to be papering the coach, knows that this cannot cracks. Waldron is the right be true. But there are signs man but he needs the substan-

Gerald Davies

A win on Saturday would have helped Waldron's cause

For the second year running, Wales enter their final match attempting to stave off a whitewash for the first time in their history. Last year the victory against England, in some eyes, salvaged the season. The same might have happened had victory occurred on Saturday. Some ideas of strategy are said to be in the

even more so by the inad-

By Michael Austin

The Middlesex rapier tri-umphed narrowly over the Cor-

nish bludgeon in a drawn Toshiba County Championship semi-final by scoring three tries to one in an emotion-charged atmosphere at Redruth on

Saturday.

Middlesex overcame their

Middlesex overcame their own poor goal kicking and the Cornwall forwards' bold effort to exert a physical and phsychological stranglehold on the game by running in three tries to one. They will seek a ninth title against Lancashire at Twickenham on April 7.

The semi-final watched by a

The semi-final, watched by a capacity crowd of 11,669, of-

fered a testimony to the good health of the county game, in some areas at least. It was a

bruising match of heart, sinew and considerble skill, typified by

the Middlesex backs.

David Thomas, the Cornwall

Cornwall.

Middlesex ...

having to whinge about the

On Saturday the referee did

not endear himself to Wales. It seemed appropriate that David Sole, in thanking the referee, should have done so in if his words were meant to be complimentary he would have had few supporters in Wales.

is so such a package ought to
be made public fairly soon.

commented that he was surprised not to see John Jeffrey in the private Welsh team reception afterwards. Because, equacies of refereeing. Wales he added, he seemed to have have come to understand what spent most of the afternoon on it is to lose these days without the Welsh side.

possession to defuse the latent

threat of Thompson and Lozowski, together with

Middlesex's clusive wings. The initial aim was fulfilled, but

Middlesex played a version of

Barbarian rugby, based on the Wasps and Harlequins doctrine of keeping the ball alive at all

times. Hard though Cornwall tackled, the creative Middlesex

approach of running for their tries was beyond Cornish

real gem, from a midfield thrust by Sheasby and instant support

from Fletcher, Thompson and Rigby. The second came from

expert handling which went right, left and right again until the last vestiges of cover had been demolished for Wedderburn to send in Rigby.

Cornwall led twice, for eight

minutes in all, but their compendium of players from

mostly junior clubs tantalizingly lacked the edge in talent, though

Lozowski scored the first, a

without the desired effect.

The refereeing of the lineout hardly existed. The Scots had the measure of Hourquet's judgement, Wales, through inexperience, did not. A team must come to terms with a referee in the first quarter. In this Wales failed. Scotland

It is rugby's ultimate weak-

much else, by nominating who they consider to be their best referees for the internationals. They have allocated two matches already to Fred Howard this season.

The World Cup committee their allocation. A democratic distribution which is seen to be World Cap matches should be nominated regardless of where

crowd's ill manners By a Special Correspondent

Ferrasse is sorry for

Albert Ferrasse, the president of the French Federation de Rugby (FFR), expressed his outrage at as he kicked it. the behaviour of the Parisian crowd after Saturday's inter-national against Ireland.

Ferrasse, speaking at the afterthat he was appelled at the jeers and derision expressed by the French supporters at the Parc

des Princes. The decision of the French to kick at goal when they already led 18-9 and had previously kicked four penalties was greeted with an ear-splitting outburst of booing and whis-tling. The outside half, Didier

Camberabero, kicked the goal

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but the noise was intolerable as he lined up the penalty and even Ferrasse told his guests: "I

should like to apologize for that incident. Never before have I seen such an appalling attitude we need to go back to Life, Strasbourg and Nantes to find rugby fans who understand anything about the game. Today's performance by the

crowd was a disgrace. The public demonstrated such a lack of understanding in whistling at an international player and a French one at that. These people cannot know rugby.

This was a disgrace for France, for rugby and for Paris."

Blackheath extend Middlesex squeeze through unbeaten run

By Gordon Allan

Blackheath.

Rosslyn Park.

since 1987.

Blackheath, who were unbeaten during February, carried on in the same vein against Rosslyn Park at the Rectory Field on Saturday, winning by two goals, a try and two penalty goals to a goal and two penalties. It was their first success over Park

These clubs first met 100 years ago, but although the conditions were excellent, there was not a great deal to celebrate this match was concerned. Park played a fair first half but a poor second; Blackheath managed to be more consistent, thanks to a stronger pack, safer passing and the ability to capitalize on the opposition's mistakes, two tries coming from that source.

Sodje opened the scoring for Riackheath with a try on the narrow side of a scrum, converted from the touchline by

Scintillating Cowley retain title in style

A scintillating exhibition of handling and support play earned Cowley, the holders, victory over Bramhall HS in the final of the Branches final of the Bowring Schools Sevens at Birkenhead Park yesterday. Sadly Cowley, who scored four goals to a goal and a Park this spring owing to finan-cial problems. It will be the

cial problems. It will be the tournament's loss.

Cowley won an excellent semi-final against St Anseim's, who were finally run off their feet, while the forceful Bramhall wore down seven gradually wore down Wirtal GS to win 10-0.

Bramhall struck first in the final, when Partington picked

up in broken play, made 50 metres with a superb run and slipped the scoring pass to Byrne almost on the line. Immediately amost on me ime. immeniately Cadel, one of the tournament's outstanding players, scored for Cowley, with Cook's conversion

Parker. Graves took a reverse flick by Tayler to run clear for Park's try, but a penalty by Parker and a try by Jones, when . 12 Graves mistouched and Mercer ran the ball back, put Black-heath well ahead at half-time. Mercer, a policeman, who joined Blackheath this season, injured a leg and Scott switched to stand-off half. Graves cut the

deficit to three points with two long penalties, after which Park lost Davies, their hooker, with damaged ribs, and their game disintegrated. Parker landed another pen-alty, off the far post, and Sodje picked up a loose pass for the

picked up a loose pass for the closing try.

sconers: Machinete: Tries: Sodje (2), Jones. Convertenc: Parter (2). Penalty goals: Parter (2). Reselps Parter try: Graves. Convertence: Graves. Penalty goals: Graves (2).

BLACOMEATH: C Parter; D Osbourna, P Jones, M Scott, B Sodje; A Mercer (rep: C Nichola), M Holcombe; H James, T Fenby, J Froedick, H Robinson, J Wishert, S Murray, D Wellon, M Henris.

ROSSLYN PARK: J Graves: S Hunser, C Smith, J Ager, C Carr (rep: P Roblins); M Jershy, R Moon; P Essenhigh, S Davies (rep: T Hyde), J Fleid, P Taylor, A Misward, S Foulds, M Hill, A Brooks.

Referee: B Campasi (Yorkshire).

superb scissors worked by McDermot made a try for Langhorn, which McDermot converted to make it 10-6 at half-time.

half-time.
A real gulf opened between
the sides after the break. Alistair
Dal Ferro put the speedy Walker
in and Walker returned the
compliment with a 20-metre
pass to the left wing for Dal
Ferro to score a fine try.
Walker's final try, converted by
Cook was a hoous. Cook, was a bonus. COVILEY HO: S Gatley, A Briggs, D Cadeb C Cook, A Dal Ferro, J Del Farro, J

C COOK, A UM FORD, & SERVICE, C Walker, ERAMHALL, MB: C Royle, P Gerner, L Partingon; M Stevens, R McDermot, G Langhorn, R Byrne, Restores: K Mehon (Warwickshire), RESULTS: Cluster-Steale: Crossilly Heath 14 Cowley 24; St Anselm's 16 RGS Newceste 4; Barmard Caste 10 Gramhall HS 14; Wirnel GS 12 Deme Allar's 10. Semi-fiscale: Cowley 24 St Anselm's 0; Branchall 10 Wirnel GS 0, Plant: Cowley 24 Branchall 10.

pipeline, some signals of future development, but if this

It was a poor match made

Robert Jones humorously

ness as a spectacle. The fair but which does not necdiscrepancy of refereeing essarily encompass the best flawed game. The reputation The best must at all times be in of the World Cup next year charge. So the referees for the

interpretation makes it a will do the game an injustice. will depend a great deal on the quality of the referees. The nominated regardless of where RFU in England is showing they come from The comthe way, as they have done in petition will depend on it.

about their place kicking after Fletcher missed eight of his nine attempts, although they have other goal kickers in the team.

Their defence, though, needs no sharpening. Cornwall had scored 18 tries in three group games but Middlesex survived a series of scruwe close to their

series of scrums close to their own line and absorbed 25 minutes of second-half pressure when less accomplished sides would have buckled.

SCORERS: Communt: Try: Heag. Conven-sion: Chempion. Penetry goals: Cham-pion (5). Middlesse: Tries: Lazowski, Rigby. Wedderburn. Penetry goal: CORNWALL: C Alcock (Camborne and Royal Navy, capt); B Trevasitis (Bath), A Megd (Devon and Cornwall Police), S Royars, D Weeks (Camborne); G Chempion (Devon and Cornwall Police), D Rale (Camborne); J May (Rednith), G Dave (Bath), H Keest (Rechtift), J Politics (Camborne), M Hasq (Bath), A Reed (Phynouth Ablon), A Blick (Lydney), G Williams (Rednith),

MIDDLESET: S Robinson (Sericons); M Wedderburn, A Thompson (Hartequint), R Lacowsid, S Smith (Waspa); M Petcher (Hartequint), F Steedmen (Saracens, capt); G Holmes (Waspa), J MoFerfend (Stracens), R Williams (London Welsh), P Lindley, L Adesteon (Saracens), S Dear (Russlyn Park), M Rigby (Waspa), C Streecher (Hartequint) not in commitment. (Russian Middlesex will be concerned Russian Russia

Lancashire sweep into final By Michael Stevenson ities of a Mike Rafter with the Hanavan was tackled by Parton

Lancashire...

Warwickshire. Time was when Coventry ruled the roost and Orrell were struggling for recognition. On Saturday, however, Orrell could be forgiven a relaxed smile as a Lancashire side containing 11 of their players swept to victory in their Toshiba County Championship semi-final over Warwickshire, who called on eight members of the Coventry side.

Lancashire's winning margin. Time was when Coventry ruled Lancashire's winning margin,

comprising two goals, two tries and two penalties to two late tries and two penalties, certainly did not fatter them, but Massey's crash-ball running in the centre, Steve Thomas's probing darting runs from scrum-half and the vigour and tactical skill of Travers and Robbins all impressed for the losers. Any man-of-the-match award would have surely favoured the Lancashire flanker, Manley. He is a great prospect, combining the ball-winning, grafting qual-

bandling skills of a Peter Buckton.

The fragility of Warwick-shire's tackling was evident from the outset. Wellens, then Manley, probed as Lancashire, playing with the wind, intensified the pressure on the visitors. Finally Steve Thomas muffed his clearance, his namesake, Paul, picked up from an offside position and Strett missed the easy negative. easy penalty.
Strett and Steve Thomas then

Strett and Steve Thomas then exchanged penalties and Lancashire scored their first try. Fielden ran on the crash, fed Manley and Wellens was checked on the line. The ruck was won and Wellens gave Hanavan the scoring pass on the blind side. blind side.

blown over.

Moments later Langford made ground down the right, slipped the ball in to the excellent Heslop and, as ever, Manley was at the ball carrier's shoulder to score. Langford converted dramatically with a drop kick, after the ball had

A penalty try, awarded when

without the ball, was converted by Strett and Lancashire led 19-3 at the interval.

Mitchell missed his third penalty for Warwickshire before Thomas kicked his second pen-alty and Mitchell again erred when he kicked out of defence when he kitched out of desence straight to Langford. The full back caught the hall cleanly and launched Heslop down the left for Hanavan to take his pass on halfway and hare in for a glorious try.

glorious try.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Tries: Haravan (2), Manley, penalty try. Conversions: Langley, Street: Penalty goals: Street (2), Warrischahler: Tries: Parton, Travers. Penalty goals: Strongs (2), Warrischahler: Tries: Parton, Travers. Penalty goals: Strongs (2), LANCASHRE: S Langlord (Orrell); B P Hanavan (Pydo), B Wellens (Liverpool St. Hatens), M Fleiden (Fydo), N, J Hestopt M Street, C O'Toole, M Hywas, M M Hischen, D V Sauthern (captain), P Manley, N Klawsins, D Classel (all Orrell), B P Gellagher (Watstroo), C Cassani (Orrell), WarNYCCSHRIE: S Hall (Barker's Butta, captain); K Shew (Barker's Butta, captain); K Shew (Barker's Butta, captain); K Shew (Barker's Butta, Captain); R Shew (Barker's Butta, Captain); R Shew (Barker's Butta, Captain); G Mitchell, B Thomas (Grentry), D Gestorth (Nunestort), R Travers (Coventry), P Thomas (Coventry), G Rebalte (Coventry), Researce: A Spreachury (Somersen).

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Arsenal may yet have last word on title

By Strart Jones Football Correspondent

Queen's Park Rangers..

The end of Arsenal's title challenge? Don Howe, perhaps out of loyalty to his old chub, thinks not.

The more persuasive evidence suggests that they were effectively nted from the race on the ground where they were knocked out, coincidentally by the same score, of the FA Cup.

Even if their form, and that of the leaders, was to undergo a spectacular and immediate transormation, Arsenal cannot realistically be expected to make up the nd they have lost. Saturday's efeat was their ninth and the champions have not suffered so many reverses since Derby County

15 years ago. The reason for Arsenal's failure to defend the title lies most visibly in their attack. It has become so chronically unproductive that, in extending their scoreless sequence to five games, they fashioned at least half a dozen ways in which to scorn a genuine opportunity. No one was more versatile than Smith. Whether given a clear run from the halfway line or a free header

from a couple of feet, the first division's leading scorer last season resembled a bumbling novice. He and his manager, George Graham, reckoned justifiably that his own personal hant should have

Nor is Smith alone in being almost mrecognizable from a yes ago. Recastle, once vibrant and Thomas, willingly industrious in central midfield, looks as lost as he has done in the international

As the parts have diminished, so the whole has become inevitably less convincing. Whereas Arsenal were lifted by an irresistible belief last season, they are now carrying the burden of doubt. "We must work harder," Graham says, but no amount of practice will necessarily restore their faith in a system which has broken down.

"They are not out of it yet," Howe said. "All they have to do is

Such an equation would rank in the same logical bracket as Tyson losing his world heavyweight boxing crown and England winning the first Test in the West Indies.

With a touch of fortune, Arsenal might aiready have started to redress the balance but one of their attempts was directed within the reach of Seaman. The exception, a rasping drive from Richardson early in the second half, cannoned back off the bor.

As Howe conceded. Arsenal

win three and the others [Aston Villa and Liverpool] to lose three." attacked so regularly that "they were getting in each other's way.

They gave us plenty of problems and particularly in the first half." Apart from Parker, Rangers did not defend efficiently enough to suggest that they will be able to contain Liverpool in the FA Cap sixth-round tie on Sunday.

and especially their luck holds. Their first goal, created by Clarke and scored by Wilkins, was all their own inspired to Wegerle, was reconnected to their second, credited to Wegerle, was generously offered to them by

back pass out on a touchline.

Arsenal, whose full backs were among five names to be taken by a bemusingly inconsistent referee, may at least be responsible for may at least be responsible for deciding the destiny of their own-title. Villa and Liverpool must visit. Highbury, where Graham's side? has yet to be beaten this season.

Charlton's

lifeline

now badly

frayed

By Dennis Signy

A goal of stunning simplicity by Robert Fleck, a candidate for Scotland's World Cup squad.

gave Charlton another push-

Last ditch heroics in recent seasons have enabled Chariton

to preserve their place among the elite but even Lennie Law-

rence, their manager, who has escapology off to a fine art, must

be wondering how relegation, can be avoided.

After wins against Luton Town and Manchester City and

Selhurst Park on Saturday.

Norwich City ...

ARSENAL: J Lukic; t. Dhon, N Winterburn, M Thomas (autr. D O'Leary), S. Bouid, A. Adams, D. Rocastle, K Richardson, A. Sraith (autr. K Camphell), P. Meraon, P. Groves.

Gillespie steps in to end deadlock and sink lively Millwall

With only one win in 21 League games, on paper Miliwall's plight is beginning to look terminal. In the flesh at Anfield on Saturday they showed enough signs of rude health to suggest that burying them back in the second division is premature.

Bob Pearson, the new manager, has seen his side lose all three games under his control. He is at least retaining a sense of humour, introducing himself as "I'm Bob who?", and he could take some encouragement from the commitment, if missed a penalty after only not the result. His new, unnot the result. His new, unashamedly defensive, formation with three centre halves frustrated Liverpool until

eight minutes from time. Going that close left his side bitterly disappointed, especially as the blow came from Rush, in spite of looking as an unexpected quarter. Gary lively as he did in the days Gillespie had arrived at the before he went to Juventus, ground expecting to travel to was well held by the defensive

By Keith Blackmore

Northampton Town 0

Tranmere Rovers 4

Those first division clubs that are classily experimenting with sweepers could do worse than

take a look at Tranmere, who have made a sophisticated sys-

tem work in the hurly-burly of

Another thrilling perfor-

mance on Saturday, yielding four goals which make them the

leading scorers in the League, gave Tranmere their seventh win in succession, a run which has helped put them within two points of Bristol City at the top

em final of the Leyland Daf

Such is the strength of their system that McNab, who was suspended, was scarcely missed.

the excellent man-to-man marking of Higgins and Vickers.

imers

drafted in to play his first the best tradition emerged as the unlikely hero.

Yet only a minute earlier Cascarino, his immediate opponent, had towered over him to send a header crashing against the bar. "I thought that was in," Cascarino reflected ruefully. "I hit the bar here last year too; I'm going to ask them to raise it a bit next

But if that was the moment Millwall's luck ran out, they had earlier enjoyed almost a season's worth in holding Liverpool at bay. Beardsley himself escaped the likely consequences of having a sloppy back pass intercepted by Rush before half-time.

Beardsley's miss sent him into a tentative mood and

resist only while a strong wind

was at their backs. Once Tranmere had taken the lead in

the 43rd minute with an oppor-tunist goal by Muir, the issue

Two minutes into the second

Bishop's 20-yard shot complet-

Tranmere system

working to a T

But the thing about this Liverpool side is that they come at you from all angles On this occasion Barnes led the way, giving poor Salman such a torrid afternoon that he conceded the penalty and got himself booked within half an hour in his attempts to stem

When that failed to produce a goal, Barnes moved inside to torment Thompson instead, but even so with Branagan saving well from Whelan and Rush, and his defenders performing countless heroics, Millwall still held out until Dalglish played his next card, sending on Houghton.

Nicol switched to left back and it was his move forwards which finally led to the goal. His shot produced the corner from which Gillespie put his

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelear; G Gillespie, B Venison, S Nicol, F Whelen, A Hansen, P Beardeley, D Burnows (sub: R Houghton), I Rush, J Barnes, S McMahon, MILLWALL: K Branegen; A McLeary, Denes, W Reid, D Thompson; S Wood, D Selman, L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, P Godderd.



United's spring awakening

Manchester United... Luton Town...

For the first time in many weeks, Manchester United re-ceived a standing ovation as they left the pitch after a victory which eases fears of a drop into

half, Tranmere scored again, Considering the feeble resising a move he had started on the tance of Linon, a performance edge of his own penalty area. The third goal was the pick of the bunch, Hughes thumping of some character must be home a volley after typically incisive work by Harvey. Bish-op's second, after a wind-assisted kick by Nixon had sprung

Northampton's offside trap, completed a memorable performance.
The real test of Tranmere's strength will come at Ashton Gate tomorrow when they play the leaders, Bristol City. Tranmere beat City 6-0 at Prenton Park in September but

City have improved since then and beat Chester City, with three goals by Taylor, on Sat-urday. Bristol Rovers moved into third place by beating Wigan Athletic 6-1. NONTHAMPTON TOWN: P Gleenure; P Shard, P Wilson, B Sandeman, R Wilson, K McPherson, B Berry, T Cuow (sub: W Doneld, D Collins, R Bernes, M Singleton (sub: S Brown).

suspended, was scarcely missed. Hughes led from the back as sweeper, starting attack after attack, and Harvey demonstrated again that he is perhaps the best passer in the division. Both benefited from the defensive base provided by the conflict of the co TRAMMERIE ROVERS: B Nixon: D Hig-ghts, M McCerrick, E Bishop, M Hughes, S Vickers, C Malkin, J Harvey, J Steel, I Muir (sub; K Hrons), A Thomes. Reference A Seville. Northernaton, who have not

In many respects, Luton had only themselves to blame, for they declined an early invitation to take a lead which would, on

nast evidence, have undermined the fragile confidence of their hosts. The guilty party was Dowie who, in the 22nd minute, ed his shot wide of an open goal after Black had intercepted Pallister's woefully under-hit

Worse was to follow. From viewed as proficient rather than spectacular, but United's relief at achieving a first home win since mid-November was understandable.

Luton have never won a senior game at Old Trafford and, despite a willingness to play football of a pleasing, if basic, nature, there was never any prospect of that record being crased after their oppo-

whose introduction had forced McClair into a deeper role that he appeared to relish, had disappointing afternoon, although he removeddoubts about the outcome when he scored from a suspiciously off-Luton's goal, scored by Black

club's first at the ground since 1959. While United seem equipped to climb away from danger in the weeks ahead,

Rangers fall back on their cushion

Rangers stumbled again on Saturday and must be grateful for the cushion their earlier endeavours earned at the top of the premier division (Roddy Forsyth writes). Against Dundee they were twice forced to come from behind, first when John-ston equalized Campbell's Rangers' advantage was the teams had previously ment this season.

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Heart of Midlothian and Motherwell met at Tynecastle for the second week in succession and the home team added a never led against Aberdeen, for the second week in succession and the home team added a never led against Aberdeen, for whom Gillhans, with two goals, victory in the Scottish Cup.

handled the ball into goal when Argentina knocked England out of the last World Cup. As television footage confirmed, Crosby used stealth and a deft nudge of the head to prise the the ball out of Dibble's grasp

before scoring after 52 minutes. Howard Kendall, the City seeing their former captain, Jim Mason and Nicholas were on Duffy, whose career appeared to have been ended by injury two years ago, resume action with comfort in the heart of their defence.

Celtic have begun to flower in the spring. They won 3-0 against Dusdee United, who had taken five point provincity met

manager, and his players were enraged when the linesman failed to flag for an infringement and the referee, Rodger Gifford, signalled a goal. Mob rule temporarily took over, with groups of finger-waving players besieging both officials. Kendall, untypically, went 35 yards to harangue the linesman and on to the pitch at the final whistle to address the Rangers' advantage was the teams had previously met

B and Q Scottish League

By Dennis Shaw

The head of Gary Crosby

proved as controversial as the hand of God as the furious

debate raged as to whether

Manchester City had been

However, the case for the

prosecution was far less cut and

Nottingham Forest ...

Manchester City...

League and Football Discussion centred on which

Artful Crosby the

cause of discord

law had been breached, if indeed one had. Law 12 covering "Fouls and Misconduct" says that an indirect free kick shall be awarded if an opponent "plays in a manner considered by the referee to be dangerous, e.g. attempting to kick the ball while

Since heading is a similar act to kicking then Mr Gifford could well have disallowed the goal, although when the two main players in the drama emerged from the dressing rooms it was difficult to imagine that Crosby, little more threatening than a stick insect, had put the strapping Dibble in any physical danger.

In truth, it was a delightfully audacious goal and one which, in the eyes of this humble observer, deserved to stand. What was demonstrably illegal was the manner of the mass dissent, for which no one was

NOTTHIGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; B
Laws, S Pearce, D Watter, S Chettle (sub:
T Wilson). S Hodge, G Creeby, G Parker,
N Clough, N Jemeon, T Orlygson.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Dibble; A Herper,
A Hinchcliffe, P Reid (sub: I Brigmerel), C
Hendry, S Redmond, D Whise, M Ward, A
Heath, G Megson (sub: W Clarke), P
Lake.
Between R Gifford. Referee: R Gifford.

a draw against Arsenal, Charlton were a disappoint ment. Norwich, although beset by injuries, looked a class above them with their entertaining passing game. Lawrence was honest enough to admit that the height of Charlton's ambition

was to "nick" a goal and draw. : Norwich, despite having to use Rosario at the heart of their defence and introducing Tanhad little difficulty ending a sequence of six matches without-

Fleck had already been denied. by two fine saves from Bolder before he scored after 25 minutes, swivelling smoothly to-strike home Townsend's drilled

While he might have had more, Charlton had only two chances. First Bowen headed off the Norwich goalline from Wat-son after 62 minutes, when. Gunn was in difficulties. Then, four minutes from time, when Gunn hesitated after Williams had intercepted a tired back pass from Townsend, the goalkeeper deemed himself by turning the shot aside.

rence, need five more victories from their last 10 games. With Liverpool and Nottingham For-est among those still to visit, Selhurst Park, it looks a very tall

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder, J. Humphrey, S Minto, A Peake, J. McLaughlin, T Caton, R Lee (sub: G-

More success

old Chigwellians continued a spectacular run of success with their 2-0 victory over Old Wykehamists in the semi-final; the Arthur Dunn Cup-

(George Chesterton writes). They go forward to meet Old Reptonians in the final at Mosspur Park on April 7.
Brandon scored Chigwell's first goal after 18 minutes while Grover added the second just three minutes from time.

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Referee: B Harvey (Brentwood).

GM Vauxhall Conference

Bassett is aware of

By Ian Ress

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Dave Bassett, the Sheffield
United manager, hopes his players can forget the off-the-field boardroom problems should the FA Cup fifth round, see the the-

Tony Mowbray, has been ruled out of the Zeoth Data Systems Cup final at Wembley. The Charles defender, aged 26, who has been with his home town club since from a junior, will

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miss the most important day in the club's history because of a pelvic injury that may require an operation.

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WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES. **Fourth division** Third division 4 Manafield
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LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Pressier divisios: Bohemlars 1, Athlone Town 0; Derry City, 3; Gelway United 6; Droghada United 2; Shelbourne 2, Limenck City 1, Cork City 3; St Partick's Athletic 3, Sharmook Roverk; 1; University College Dublin 0, Dundelk 3; Laading positions: (arter 28 games): 1, Sf, Patrick's Athletic, 44 pts; 2, Derry City, 42; 3, Dundelk, 37.

Honeyghan is in no shape to continue

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

It is time for Lloyd Honeyghan to give up the ring. Not so much because he took the biggest thrashing of his life from Mark Breland, of the United States, at Wembley Arena on Saturday night, but because he seems no longer able to meet the demands of professional boxing fully.

He was unable to produce a suitable case in the ring or a credible explanation outside it for one of the worst challenges for a world title seen in Britain for a long time. He was on the floor six times, twice from jabs, in the three rounds it took Breland to stop him and retain his World Boxing Association welterweight title.

Breland's advice yesterday to the Bermondsey boxer was: 'He should take some time off and think about what he's going to do. His whole facial expression changed after that first jab. It really shook him up. Maybe it is time for him to do something else." Joe Fariello, Breland's trainer, added: "Honeyghan was okay until he got hit. Most of Mark's opponents are okay until they get hit."

At the press conference after the bout, Mickey Duff, manager of the 29-year-old Honeyghan, was not too sure if his man would ever be "okay" again. "The future is bleak," Duff said. "He's a big boy and he's the one who will decide what to do. If he does want to go on I'll have to think about whether to go on managing him."

Honeyghan dropped his head into his crossed arms on the table, then held it in his hands and moaned: "I performed terrible. I don't know what the future holds. I never have screwed his fists on,



Exposing the ragamoffia in the challenger's performance: Breland has Honeyghan running scared with nowhere to go except surrender on the ropes and a soothing word from his manager

thought I would be that helpless in the ring. I wish I knew what went wrong - I was in real good shape. I don't know what went wrong."

The answer was that he had no strategy. If Frank Bruno could come back from two crushing knockouts and take a positive view about facing Mike Tyson last February, if Michael Watson and little Billy Hardy could adjust their styles to the needs of the moment - when facing Nigel Benn and Orlando Canizales respectively - why could not Honevghan?

Alex Wallau, the respected ABC commentator, accurately summed up Honeyghan's commitment when he said it At the first bell he should was the same Honeyghan that

title three times.

"I am going to beat you and I know how to do it." Instead,

after being caught by the first

blow, a chopping right, he looked no more determined

than a man poking a fire.

Which left one wondering

whether he really wanted to

set the arena alight by being

the first Briton to win a world

and told the 6ft 2in champion: the ninth round in Las Vegas a year ago. "Breland was finishing off the job. These were the tenth, eleventh and twelfth rounds of that fight."

> There is little need to look beyond Wallan's explanation. Honeyghan was broken by Starting. Honeyghan's reflexes and balance are far from adequate to face opponents at the Breland and Starling level. No amount of hype and money will bring back the sharp young man that got up off the floor to beat Cliff Gilpin, or knocked out Gianfranco Rosi, now the

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Honeyghan, who had combinations. He was down

stuck his gloves by his ears had been stoped by Starling in world light-middleweight blamed his inability to get to three times and the referee, grips with Breland on an inadequate warm-up in the champion, or defeated Sylvester Mittee, or stopped the dressing-room ("ABC tele-"unstoppable" Donald Curry so convincingly. vision were rushing me a bit") said: "When he hit me with that jab I said I'd better get on

Honeyghan in the first round raised doubts round the ring about his punch resistance, for He was knocked off the bike jabs are not expected to floor twice in the second round: boxers, it was a good punch. first by another identical jab, Like all good punches it travelled about six inches. It then an overhand right. After that, finding his feet became carried the full weight of more important than finding Breiand's shoulders and had Breland's chin. incvitably, the unsteady challenger was cor-nered in the third when floored three other opponents and broken John Munduga's Breland started to unleash

While the jab that floored

Julio Alvarano, of Panama, waved it all over as the threeknockdown rule came into

His 6,000 supporters, who at the beginning of the evening gave him a typical Wembley welcome, chanted "What a load of rubbish" and booed him back to the dressingroom. Perhaps that was the heaviest blow.

Srecki's sharp defence

Eric Srecki, of France, the world No. 1 Epéc Centre, won the Challenge Martini World Cup competition in London yes-terday, desending his title successfully in the final bout against his fellow countyman. Olivier Lenglet, the world No. 3 who became runner-up at this competition for the fourth time (a Special Correspondent

display of Srecki's ability to anticipate his opposite anticipate his opponent's ac-tions and hit him on the wrist or

foot as he prepared to attack. Lenglet showed too much eager-ness to attack, which opened the gate to Srecki for an easy ride to the title (5-3, 5-2).

Britain's hopes of a Martini finalist, last seen here in 1981, were dashed when Quentin Berriman, finalist at last weekend's Paris World Cup, was defeated in the last 32 by Stefan

SNOOKER

New cue is wise buy for winner Chaperon

By Steve Acteson

The £130 invested by Bob Chaperon less than a month ago upon an 2sh cue, made-to-neasure in his native Canada. measure in his native Canada, said rich dividends as he beat Alex Higgins 10-8 to win the lirst prize of £75,000 at the Pearl Assurance British Open in Derby on Saturday.

Chaperon, who lives in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire and is the first overseas player to win a ranking tournament since

win a ranking tournament since 1985, had proudly showed off the cue to an admiring teenager at his local club. He said: "I told him: first, I'm going to make a 147 with this and, then, I'm going to win my first major title. I made a 147 three days later and the kid said: 'that didn't and the kid said: 'that didn't take long, now go and win your

That did not take long either, to there were some anxious moments along the way for the world No. 29, who began the tournament seeking only to pick up ranking points in order to preserve his status in the world's top 32.

No moments ious than in the last frame of his 5-4 fifth-round victory over his fellow Canadian and close friend, Alain Robidoux, when he needed three snookers on the

Chaperon said: "After that, I had a premonition that the title was going to be mine but I survived on adrenalin in the final. I was going to bed tired. but just staring at the ceiling. I was so hyped up."

Whether applying his snooker craft or playing golf to a seven handicap, Chaperon has a typical North American's self-belief, which brought him through after Higgins had recovered from 4-1 behind to lead 5-4 at

the end of the first session of the Higgins clung on in the eve ning but, if he really does believe he can win the world championship again at the age of 40, as he says, his concentration must improve as much as his form

undoubtedly has to take him back into the top 16. The Irishman carped that his opponent and even the referee, Alan Chamberlain, bad infringed his line of vision. Chamberlain could hardly stand anywhere without receiving a

Higgins's occasionally noisy supporters also received scowls and, although outside distract tions are irritating, Higgins has been a professional since 1971, so if he does not know by now mind who can?

ICE SKATING

Figures are on thin ice

Halifax, Nova Scotia - The world figure skating champion-ships tipuoe diffidently into the limelight here today, the men's compulsory figures having been brought forward in advance of tomorrow's opening ceremony (John Hennessy writes).
In this context "here" refers

to the twin city of Halifax-Dartmouth, since the figure competition has been banished to Dartmouth's Sportsplex on the far side of the harbour. They will be banished altogether after the women's figures on Wednesday.

not one of the three principal challengers is totally fit. Kurt Browning, last year's winner for Canada, and his runner-up, United States, have been beset with injuries. Viktor Petrenko, the new European champion for the Soviet Union, has suffered no physical setbacks but doubts remain about his stamina.

Britain will be represented by Steven Cousins, still only 17 and improving steadily.

Oxford win humiliates Cambridge

Oxford's experience defeated Cambridge's enthusiasm at the Reading Head of the River on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Oxford, racing as Isis A, powered down the three-mile course at a steady 34 strokes per minute, achieving impressive cover in the process. Cambridge, entered as Goldie A. were clearly smaller and less powerful, and rated two strokes higher to compensate, but were 16 seconds slower and suffered the extra humiliation of being beaten by Oxford's reserve crew, who finished second overall.

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Oxford, who have been experimenting with their line-up, had the American, Don Miller, at three in place of his compatriot, Dan Johnson. Oxford's winning time of 12min 32sec was only seven seconds outside the course record.

Oxford's other crews also excelled. The heavyweight wo-men were 26 seconds faster than their nearest rivals, London University, and the lightweight women rowed well to win Senior III. Hampton and Eton were by far the fastest schools in

this year's Boat Race crews will take place today at the Houses

GT PATURITICAL.
RESULTS: 1, tals A. 12min 32acc (Open winners); 2, tals B. 12.47 (Senior I winners); 3, Goldie A. 12.42; 4, Leander A. 12.45; 5, Goldie B. 12.55; 6, Imperial College, 13.03 (UAU winners); 7, Themes Tradesmen A. 13.05; could B. London University and Upper Themes A. 13.11; 10, Leander B. 13.12. Other division winners: Mer. Senior It. Pangborne, 30.37. Velucian C. Upper Themes, 14.05, Newton C. Upper Themes, 14.05, Newton Crator, 14.25. School: Hismoon, 13.14.

RACING: MARTIN TATE'S MARE BACKED DOWN TO 7-1 FAVOURITISM FOR REPEAT VICTORY IN CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE FINAL AT CHELTENHAM Golden Link has Scholfield

working hard for his century

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

His victory on Golden Link in the open, a horse which gave him his first hunter chase success two years ago, was not an easy one as he had to pull out all the stops to beat Beltane The Smith (Nigel Dunn) by a length. His maiden winner, I Promris market wither, I Prote-ised, would have been complet-ing a treble for him, but for a last-fence fall, in the second division of the restricted, on Picks Pinta. At the time he was helding a clear advantage over Brushford, partnered by Ross

This was a particularly fortu-nate winner for Darke as it was Handsome Express who appeared to be going the best of the three when he unscated Bill Henderson at the previous fence.

John Weidhen's For A Lark won his fourth race in five weeks under Mandy Turner in the ladies to follow his success with Oriental Plume, ridden by Robin Mülls, who ran on strongly to take the adjacent.

Mike Felton, favourite for

Philip Scholfield rode his 100th this year's men's championship, winner and was quickly on his eventually got off the mark in way to a second century at the south Cornwall point-to-point Hambledon on Mischievious South Cornwall point-to-point on Saturday. Monk.

A winning double, however, was lost in the stewards' room as Broonies Taing, who crossed the time first in the PPOA, was relegated to second place after the rider of Flaming Blaze objected on the grounds of being peded on the approach to the

It was unfortunate for the bookmakers that this was the last race on the card as communications left a lot to be desired on the announcement of the objection. Many paid out tote was also caught napping.

Justin Farthing, the rider of the third horse, White Rose, had to wait for his visit to the stewards before he was disquali-fied for failing to weigh in.

Though he was joined by Felton on the runner-up, Lo-thian General, for three fences thian General, for three fences before the final turn, Ian Bald-ing virtually made all on Experimenting in the first division of the open.
Levantage Lad was a dis-



Philip Scholfield, who celebrated a century

appointing favourite in this event and Michael Miller reported that his horse jumped very stickily over the first three and, thereafter, could never get on terms on the sharp Badbury

Rings circuit.
On the favourite for the second of the divided opens, second of the divided opens, however, Seamus Mullins never looked to be in any danger. He took the lead on Senator Of Rome at the thirteenth, and coasted to a comfortable eight lengths win over River Gam-

Huge gamble on Rogers Princess runner against Beech Road and Evens Desert Orchid, 7-2 Bon- Sire Nantais goes for the Arkle

By Michael Seely Racing Correspondent

Despite a 20th rise in the weights, Rogers Princess has been heavily backed by connections to repeat last year's easy win in the Coral Golden Hurdle final at Cheltenham, and is now 7-1 favourite with the sponsors for Wednesday week.

"They complained that she'd gone up too far in the handizap," said Wally Pyrah of Coral's. "So we offered 20-1 earlier in the week. They took all unions down to 10-1 and one

prices down to 10-1 and one punter had a bet of £3,000 eachway at that price. Altogether way at that price. Attogether we've laid her to lose over £100,000 and hardly seen a penny for anything else."
In theory, the three mile handleap hurdle, with upwards of 30 runners, should be a benefit for the bookmakers. However, last year's 12 lengths win by the 8-1 co-favourite was only following a normal pattern.



"We've had Willie Wumpkins three times, Forgive 'N' Forget and Motivator. And even when Tall Order won at 15-1 in 1982,

it was well backed."

After winning at Warwick in February, the eight-year-old mare more recently finished fifth to Old Dundalk last time out at Kempton when not well received at the weights However. subsequent homework at Kidderminster has convinced the astute Martin Tate that Rogers Princess is back to her peak. treated at the weights. However,

"We all had a few quid on," said the trainer yesterday. "Roger Smith, of Turner and Kendrick, is the owner and he likes to have a bet.

"She looks well and is work-"She looks well and is working well. Although she's not very big, she's very brave. She should go well, but it's only fair to warn punters that after a 20th rise in the weights for winning by 12 lengths, she can't possibly represent the same value as she did last year when carrying only 10 store. I sat year it was business. stone. Last year, it was business but this time it's more for fun." The tempo of the build-up to the festival increased further on Saturday with high-class racing at Newbury and Haydock. After

at Newbury and Haydock. After racing at Newbury both See You Then and Major Inquiry worked on the track. David Elsworth was pleased with Major Inquiry's gallop and the undefeated four-year-old is now on target for an attempt to repeat Heighlin's win in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle for the

Similarly, See You Then, the triple champion hurdler who has disappointed in two comeback runs at Nottingham and Wincanton, is now a likely

Kribensis tomorrow week.

Partnered by John White, See
Nick the Brief. Partnered by John White, See
You Then was galloped over
two miles and had to work his
hardest before beating Whatever
You Like by a bead. "He'll
certainly run," said Henderson.
Altitude. 16-1 Morley Street
(from 20-1). Royal Square is 4-1
favourile for the Triumph, while hardest before beating Whatever You Like by a head. "He'll certainly run," said Henderson. "But he's got very lazy and we might try him in blinkers. I don't like the idea, but we might have to try it." have to try it.

Native Friend (Mark Dwyer) leads eventual winner Ninja (Richard Dunwoody) over the last in the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock

on's possible 10strong raiding party for Chelten-ham includes Brown Windsor, the Grand National favourite, in the Cathcart Challenge Cup. First Bout is going for the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup. Calabrese for the Water-ford Crystal Stayers Hurdle, Whatever You Like is an in-tended runner in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices

All the principal contenders for the Champion Hurdle and Cheltenham Gold Cup are re-ported to be in fine trim. Toby Balding worked Beech Road and Morley Street together at Fyfield on Saturday morning. "They both went well," said the trainer. "And if the ground trainer, "And if the ground continues to dry up, Morley Street is going to run a very big

Similarly, Michael Stoute is pleased with the condition of Kribensis and David Elsworth with Desert Orchid, Cavvies Clown and Barnbrook Again. "Dessie is in tremendous

form," said the trainer. "So is Cavvies Clown. But we won't decide whether Barnbrook Again will attempt to repeat last year's win in the two mile Champion or go for the Gold Ladbrokes latest betting on the Gold Cup is as follows: a 7-2 chance for the Gold Gup.

Silver King is on offer at 10-1.
The all-conquering Martin Pipe is certainly in irresistible form as the highlight of the

season approaches. The Newbury victories of Miinnehoma and Voyage Sans Retour helped the trainer to pass the 150-winner mark this season and, together with the wins of Fu's Lady at Hereford and those of Sire Nantais and Trefelyn Cone at Market Rasen, completed a five-timer for the omerset team.
Even judged by Pipe's high

standards, the style of Minnehoma's defeat of Remit-tance Man in the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Final was breathtaking. Peter Scudamore quickened the gallop at least three times and John White on the runner-up must have felt like a snake hypnotised by a mongoose at the end of the three-mile journey. However, Milinnehoma is now likely to

The festival would come a bit quick and will probably keep him for the White Satin Hurdle at Liverpool," said Pipe. "And we'll probably find a race there for Voyage Sans Retour as Last March, Pipe won two

races at the festival with Sondrio

and Sayfar's Lad. Next week's

challenge promises to be even

stronger with Bonanza Boy only

Anza Boy, 8-1 Toby Tobias, 10-1

Nick the Brief.

Regal Ambition and Run For Free will be a formidable pair to beat in the Sun Alliance Hurdle as will Chatam in the Sun Alliance Chase. The stable intends to be four-handed in the Triumph with Silver King, Lucky Verdict, Cyphrate and In-Keeping.

The principal Cheltenham pointer at Newbury came from Comandante, who outclassed his opponents in the Philip Comes Nickel Alloy Chase and will now represent Josh Gifford in the Arkle. At Haydock, Gordon Rich-

ards landed a big-race double by winning the Greenall Whitley Gold Cup with Rinus and the Timeform Steoplechase with Tartan Takeover. Rinus is likely Hardan Takeover. Knos is meny to run in Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap at Cheltenham and Tartan Takeover in the Kim Muir Challenge Cup. Rich-ards has already won two Grand Nationals but would like to send Rinus for the Irish National this time. The Thinker, winner of the Gold Cup in 1987 and third in last year's National, delighted Arthur Stenberger Arthur Stephenson by coming home strongly to finish second. "I'd like to keep him for the National again." said the trainer. "He's 12 years old now and it wouldn't be fair to run him in both races." him in both races."

The unlucky loser of the race was Jenny Pitman's Willsford, who fell at the last when looking home and dried. "He's in both the Ritz Club and the Kim Muir at Chettenham," said David Stait, Mrs Pitman's assistant. "And if he's none the worse for his fall, he'll run in one of those

BICESTER WITH WHADDON CHACE (Mollington): Heart: 1, Gobedone (J Reest); 2, Cheeke Chappin; 3 Giston Hil; 12 ran. Adjacest 2: 1, Brownstone (T Risky); 2, Prince Pippin; 3, Mard Monent; 9 rac PPOA: 1, Elve Me A Break (R Goodell); 2, Wedding Song; 3, Carcellionist; 24 ran. Ladies: 1, Cewerra Lad (Mer T Hill); 2, Padrigst; 3, Foolish Hero; 16 ran. Open: 1, Padga Delight (R Goodell); 2, Ceneral Writin; 3, Rose Levri; 14 ran. Adjacent St. 1, Seybright (G Terry); 2, Coughters Course; 3, Ballycourt; 10 ran. Mells: 1, Mitchian Mariner (A Sansorne); 2, Tower Bay; 3, Demistore Lady; 19 ran. Mells: 1, Mells; 2, Dannistore Lady; 19 ran. Mells: 2, May; 3, Dannistore Lady; 19 ran. Mells: 2, Mey; 3, Dannistore Lady; 19 ran. Mells: 2

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3, Selycoran Set; 12 ran. Ledies: 1, Genry
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pulse; 1, Cumminger; 2, Sweet Pafrick; 3,
Lederd Wonder; 18 ran. Hide II: 1, Manualis.

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Goulding writes).
Diana Pyper, who rode Free
Flow to victory last year, failed
by half a length to make it a

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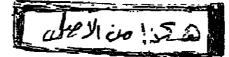
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Sporborg has last word

Nows Flash. Christopher Sponborg, the winning rider's father, was responsible for training the first two home in this lightweight division.

Of the 46 competitors that participated, only 16 falled to complete the 4½-mile course, at Market Harborough in Leicestershire. David Mee and Stephen Rayns respectively was the Despite losing the ride on Free Flow, runner-up in the Grand Particulate two years ago, Wil-liam Sporberg still managed to win yesterday's Harborough Hunts Club Ride on Lacken News Flash (Christopher

phen Rayns respectively won the



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Westway can step up on promising Nottingham effort

Freddie Starr, who landed the feature race at Newbury on Saturday with Milingehoma, ploughs a proportion of the proceeds back into racing this afternoon when he sponsors the handicap hurdle (3.30) at Windsor.

The popular comedian is without a runner in his own tace but Miinnehoma's mainer, Martin Pipe, is represented by L'Ane Rouge, formenty a high-class performer with Homer Scott in Ireland. Even with 12st 3lb, L'Ane Rouge would have a chance if reproducing his best Irish form but he has failed to

son and Westway is much preferred. The winner of a handicap hurdle under 11st 10lb at Thames Novices' Hurdle, Sandown last season, Westway has since moved west from Gardie Grissell's Sussex yard to join Gerald

sparkle over fences this sea-

Ham at Axminster. Despite looking backward on his reappearance at Not-tingham last month, Westway ran a sound race to finish tenth of 22 to Invasion in a Coral Golden Hurdle quali-

With that run under his beit, Westway looks sure to play a leading role against today's lesser opposition, the

Josh Gifford, Hairy Hat's trainer, is represented in all three novice hurdles and has bright prospects of achieving a first and last race double with to Vodkatini but a half-sister



ners at two meetings today Yeoman Farmer and Mur-

Reg Akeharst: fancied ran-

Yeoman Farmer, my selection for the first division of the started unfancied at 25-1 on his hurdling debut, at Towcester just before Christ-mas but displayed immense promise in finishing third behind the ill-fated Egypt Mill

and Babil. The runner-up has franked the form by winning twice since while Stratford Ponds (fourth) and Social Climber (fifth) bave landed novice hurdles at Kempton and

Wincanton respectively. Murphy's Man also shaped well when third to Stately pick of whom may be Golden
Cekic and Hairy Hat.

Lover at Fontwell a fortnight
ago and is narrowly preferred ago and is narrowly preferred to King Neptune in the Levy Board Novices' Hurdle.

Gifford saddles the newcomer Vodka Fizz (no relation

to the useful Beparoejojo) in the second leg of the Thames Novices' Hurdle but Gold Service, a good Haydock winner in December, looks

another for Martin Pipe. For the nap, though, I take a chance with Hats High, who tackles plating company for the first time in the Final Selling Hurdle.

When trained by John Wilson early last season, Hats High finished a creditable third to Bank View, a runner in next week's Champion Hurdle, and subsequently landed a Market Rasen claimer by six lengths for John

Early this term, Hats High finished a fair fifth to Stated Case at Chepstow, where he was only two lengths behind Deep Sensation, the sub-sequent Tote Gold Trophy

Hats High was having his first run for 3½ months and his first for Reg Akehurst when pulling up in the handi-cap hurdle won by Sir Crusty at Sandown last month. He should strip much fitter for that run and has outstanding claims in this modest contest on his best form.

Akehurst should also be on

the mark at Lingfield, where Glenstal Abbey is preferred to Deemster Willow in the Thyme Claiming Novices' Hurdie.

Sing The Blues can com plete a four-timer for John Benstead and Dale McKeown in the opening Marjoram Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Gallant West Tip can Niven breaks top bill at Leicester

West Tip tackles his third year, but disappointed after-hunter chase this season in the Sturgess Of Leicester Land Rover Hunter Chase and Mountain has little to recom-mend him, but he fences well Sturgess Of Leicester Land Rover Hunter Chase and Leicester today. Last year, the 13-year-old ran twice before winning on March 4, and the and could spring a surprise. In the handicap chase (3.25), the former point-to-pointer Krystle Saint is nicely weighted. nattern should be repeated as he

has little opposition. In recent runs, there has been less evidence of her tempera-The meeting starts with the first division of the Garthorpe mental nature and she could endorse her Ludlow win over maiden race in which recent point-to-point winners Adven-tures, Arctic Paddy and Wrekin Lad are engaged. However, Mademist Susie, second in her latest outing at Nottingham, is this distance last season. Perroquet has done every-thing right this season, but Lean Ar Aghaidh should make his class tell in the Melton Hunt Club Hunter Chase.

Two-mile hunter chases usually turn the form upside down and few of the runners for the Parr's Of Leicester Country Clothes race have much to tingham. With a clear round, there looks to be nothing to beat him in the second division of three furlongs first time out last

arm after Haydock fall

arm and will miss the Chelten-ham festival and the Aintree Grand National meeting.

Peter Niven has broken his left

Niven, stable jockey to Mary Reveley, fell from Dalkey Sound in the opening race at Haydock Park on Saturday. He said: "Although it was a soft fall, I was kicked by a horse

behind me as I put my arm up to protect my head. It couldn't have appened at a worse time, what round the corner."
Michael Bowlby will be out of

action for most of the week after damaging his shoulder after Mountain Cabin came down in the Wickham Novices Chase at Newbury.

Richard Russell cracked three ribs when Teaplanter fell when Mark Pitman, who sustains

in a winning position at Not-tingham. With a clear round, there looks to be nothing to beat

Selections By Mandarin

.40 Sing The Blues. 2.10 Parentus. 2.40 Doc's oat, 3.10 Solitary Reaper. 3.40 Gleustal Abbey. 4.10 Mister Lawson

LINGFIELD PARK

1.40 MARJORAM NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 2f) (5 runners)

1 P111 \$842 THE BLUES 18 (C) C Box

2.18 SAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674:

2m 4f) (15)

6 8774 RECEMBER WALK 19 (8/3) R JACKS 8-10-2
9 5-04 PORDOLL 12 D Burchell 5-10-2 D J Burchell
10 0555 CHIENTAL DREAM 35 W Morris 6-10-1 Date McKeren
11 0555 ROUTE BARCH 24 (8) P Prichard 11-10-0 P Holley (3)
12 6074 VALVEROE 45 (8) A Barrow 6-10-0 P Holley (3)
13 FPP LODGE RUCK 5 (7) J Long 6-10-0 R Hovell
14 0060 KRAM 19 J Long 5-10-0 R R Hovell
15 P043 NEW SAME 28 P Jones 6-10-0. Heather Newlord (7)
100-30 Excellency, 4-1 Ivordoll, 11-2 Longchurst, 7-1 Midsummer Webl, 8-1 Yet, Parentus, 10-1 Valverde, 12-1 others.

 Tony Carroll was banned for three days (March 12-14 inclusive) after his riding of Goodasnew in the Cellar 5 Novices' Hurdle at Haydock Park on Saturday. Carroll told the stewards that the horse had been disappointing and was not entirely genuine, views confirmed by trainer Philip Hobbs's representative. But after watching a video of the race, the stewards found Carroll guilty of excessive use of the whip. 2.40 BASIL HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1.814: 2m 4f)

1 44P1 ON HIS OWN 14 (G) (CD) N Milchell 7-11-10

4 4161 PENELYME'S PRIDE 10 (CD,F,G) R Juckey 9-10-7

Evens Milton Bryan, 100-30 Doc's Coet, 11-4 On His Own, 5-1 Pentiyna's Pride. 3.10 ROSEMARY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVI-CES HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (14)

1 1823 SOLITARY REAPER 5 (CO) Miss B Sanders 5-11-10 2 6-FS CHARLOU'S CHOICE 177 (5) R Juckes 6-11-2 2 6-F5 CHARLOU'S CHOICE 177 (8) R Juckes 6-11-2

3 65 ISLAND LOCKSMITH 3 M Ryen 6-11-2

4 145 JM 890 DER 12 P Feldon 5-11-2

5 0PF0 LAMRESMEL 11 N Michael 9-11-2

6 6F-P LET ME THEM: 16 L Corbett 6-11-2

N Michael 19 10 (8) J Ellott 9-11-2

9 70-P POPPLE 336 Graene Roo 7-11-2

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10 2000 SHARON'S ROYALE 9 (8) A Jones 7-11-2

11 0 SHU FLY 18 Mrs. S Cliver 6-11-2

12 STREINING BOOK 25F J Jeddins 5-11-2

N Aborn 13 F0-0 DEAR MEFF 11 M Chancon 5-10-11

P Holley THE UNFORGETYABLE 8SSF D Murray Shalls 6-10-11

3-1 Nova Led, 4-1 Let Me Think, 5-1 Sharon's Royale, Sol-tary Resper, 7-1 Island Locksmith, 8-1 Shu Fly, 10-1 others. 3.40 THYME CLAIMING NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,422: 2m 4f) (3) 4-9 Descrister Willow, 2-1 Glanstel Abbey, 8-1 Springlake's

4,10 TARRAGON HANDICAP HURDLE (21,436:

11-8 Pocketed, 7-4 Leiz Mecene, 2-1 Mister Lawson. Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Bensteed, 4 winners from 5 runners, 80.9%; D Marray Smith, 5 from 13, 38.5%; Miss B Sanders, 9 from 27, 33.5%; R Akehurst, 15 from 67, 22.4%; Mrs. J Pitman, 10 from 45, 22.2%.

Saturday's results from five meetings

1: 3, Harley (33-1), Bieriope Yern are sev-11 ran.
2.30 1, Maje (5-1); 2, Vestris Abr. (5-11 fast: 3, Majha Friend (5-1), 5 ran.
3.0 1, Wag's Curate (7-1); 2, Proud Creat (13-6 fast); 3, Ben Oliver (5-1), 9 ran.
3.56 1, Pasego Bey (5-1); 2, The Actartex (21-20 fast); 3, Tabellan (17-2), 5 ran.
4.0 1, Passave (14-1); 2, Pakey Dove (6-1); 3, Tagred (12-1), Trubbon 5-2 fav. 19 ran, NR: Driver.

Newbury

1.15 1, Comendante (5-4 fpr); 2, C80-199 Frisk (25-1); 3, Don't Tell Ruth (33-1); 6 fte. NN: Formula One. 1.45 1, Millenahema (Evens fev); 2, Re-mittente Man (5-1); 3, Beau Pari (14-1). 6

Park

1.0 1, Radical Ledy (5-2 fav); 2, Random
Romance (15-2); 3, Sector Country (9-1).
12 ran. MR: Gais Loch
1.30 1, Tansan Telesever (2-1); 2, Formula One (5-2); 3, Felle Ne Hinse (16-1).
8 Random Romanca, Littlegood Gambler, Ouen.
3.45 1, Rayel Derbl (4-9 fav); 2, Gay
Ruttan (7-1); 3, Mole Board (5-2); 3 ran.
4.15 1, L'Apaino (7-2); 2, Walk Of Little
4.15 1,

3.30 1, Fingest (14-1); 2, Ibn Majed (5-2); 3, Eastern Player (50-1). Cool Smite 13-8 fav. 8 ran.
4,0 1, Soprinete (5-2); 2, Botany Blade (4-1); 3, Deep Prospect (6-1). Golden Caskro 11-8 fav. 7 ran.
4.30 1, Trefelyn Cone (4-7 fav); 2, Arctic Skylight (16-1); 3, Fort Worth (50-1). 11 rat.

Southwell 2.10 1, Mathema (4-5 fav); 2, Play The Blues (5-1); 3, I See Ice (3-1), 9 ran. NR: ionaraculee. 2.40 1, Orchard Court (Evens fav); 2. elegraph Catgin (7-1); 3, Welley Lad (13-

Market Rasen

20 1, Mecane (11-4); 2, Queen's Darling
(9-2); 3, Rustino (14-1); 5 miths Verman 21 tav. 21 nan. NR: Covar Paris.
2.30 1, Sire Nentals (1-4 tav); 2, Lough
Road (20-1); 3, Entigetown Lad (50-1).
NR: Delkey Sound.
3.0 1, Bescalby Boy (6-1); 2, Royal Wonder (4-5 tav); 3, Nor Parmsnent (14-1), 12
Tan. NR: Native Freed, Heram B Birdbath,
Royal Epitimate.

Leaders over the jumps **JOCKEYS**



No trial for Terminator Royal Miami books Cheltenham ticket From Our Irish Racing Victor Bowens's son Charlie Assurance Nas Na Ri Chase by certainly give a good account of

Terminator, favourite for the William Hill Lincoln, missed his intended reappearance race at Southwell on Saturday and

goes straight to Donca Jimmy Fitzgerald felt the Fibresand track had become too firm for Terminator and, in the absence of a suitable alternative, the seven-year-old will now have his first race for 27 months in the £50,000 handicap.

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent in Dublin

Royal Miami earned his ticket

to Cheltenham next week with an easy five-length success in the two-mile Robertstown Handi-cap Hurdle in soft ground at Naas on Saturday.

The five-year-old tracked the favourite, Bannfaun Rose, until going clear before the final flight. He was ridden by trainer

Victor Bowens's son Charlie and Victor said afterwards: "I will certainly have to let him take his chance now in the County Hurdle as he only has 10st 1lb there and incurs no cenalty."

penalty."
Dermot Weld had mixed luck with his two proposed Chelten-ham runners Kiichi and General idea, both of whom started favourite in their respective Ir£10,000 races.

Assurance Nas Na Ri Chase by 10 lengths, but General Idea finishing only fifth behind Grey Danube in the Irish Life Assurance Nas Na Ri Chase by 10 lengths, but General Idea himself."

This was Kiichi's second run and first win over fences. Grey

should have had more runs tunder his belt before going to a place like Cheltenham. But, should everything go right for him on the day, he would ground is soft.

3.30 FREDDIE STARR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,742: 2m 6f) (20 TU

1 8P-4FOU L'ANE ROUGE 16 (\$) (F Green) M Pipe 9-12-3

2 2/F80P-0 MYNAH KEY 21 (\$) (F Perkins) R Perkins 9-12-2

3 322-116 GOLDEN CELTIC 55 (D.G.S) (Miss H Brown) Miss H Knight 6-12-0

4 21F00-0 WESTWAY 21 (G.S) (Miss C Burge) G Ham 7-11-12

5 0(P-456) STERNE 26 (G.S) (P Hanner) Miss E Snayd 6-11-7

7 P22-600 HALLCROSS 25 (B.S) (C Williamson) O Sherwood 6-10-10

8 12U22F EXPRESS ART 18 (G.S) (M Pearce) G Baiding 7-10-5

9 3FP0-31 ITS A PRY 17 (G.S) (Ms Paurce) G Baiding 7-10-5

10 425104 CARFAX 14 (G.S) (P Hogbin) R Hoad 5-10-2

11 13/P/FP ALARM GALL 34 (G) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 7-10-1

12 00/0233 NITEPID LAD 411 (G) (B Walsh) M McCourt 8-10-0

13 6FP0-FS3 HARY HAT 59 (S) (H Peinam) J Gifford 7-10-0

14 25F-005 TRIBAL DRUM 35 (G.S) (Ms 1: B Browning 10 Browning 11-10-0

16 00-P055 GRAFTON MAISEY 31 (D.S) (A Mason) A Mason 11-16-0

17 003-465 WAR CHILD 16 (6) (J Bird) A Moore 6-10-0

18 3406FP FORT WAPPING 18 (S) (J Derwer) A Moore 6-10-0

19 16P-05P INDAMU 42 (S) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Speering 5-10-0

4.0 MARCH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,548: 3m 4f) (16 runners)

Long bendicept: Tribel Drum 9-5, Gretton Melsey 9-2, Chentilly Lace 9-2, War Child 9-2, Fort Wapping 9-ndemu 8-12, Christo 8-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Golden Celtic, 7-2 Hairy Hat, 5-1 Tribal Drum, 6-1 War Child, 13-2 It's A Pty, 8-1 Hats High, 1 Mynah Key, 14-1 Carfax, 16-1 others.

1989: OLD MALTON 7-10-7 Gary Lyons (20-1) J Mackin 13 ran

FORM FOCUS GOLDEN CELTIC 6th beaten 31%1 by the useful Fort Noel (rec 8th) on very heavy ground at Haydock (2m 4t); earlier won well by 2 from Junior Parker (rec 8th) at Folkestone (2m 6f).

WESTWAY needed run when 10th of 17 finishers to hwasion (rec 12th) at Southwell (2m 6f). Last season was herd ridden to beat The Enid (rec 30th) at Sendown (2m 5f). EXPRESS AIR tell at 13th in now!

An MARCH HANDICAD CHASE (75 548: 3m 4th (15 purposs)

3,30 FREDDIE STARR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,742: 2m 6f) (20 runners)

Dannhe will hardly measure up to Cheitenham standard, but the Kiichi will now go for the runner-up, promising four-year-old Bally Rue, who was caught said afterwards: "Ideally, he on the line and beaten a short

WINDSOR

Selections

2.00 Yeoman Farmer. 2.30 HATS HIGH (nap). 3.00 Granny Pray On.

3.30 Westway. 4.00 Stream Bridge. 4.30 Gold Service.

Going: soft (hurdles); good to soft (chase) (soft in straight)

| 20 | THAME | S NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,996; 2m 30yd) (21 runners) | |
|----|----------|---|--------|
| 1 | 2-13 | FREELINE FINISHING 51 (D.BF.G) (I Strue) N Henderson 6-11-7 | 98 |
| 2 | 5/0000F- | BERYL'S JOKE 418 (Mrs E Bosnood) J Beker 6-11-0 | _ |
| 3 | Ď | CHAM SHOT 21 (H McEwer) K White 5-11-0 A O'Hegen | _ |
| 4 | | FAYADPOUR 16 (B) (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 6-11-0 P Barnard (5) | |
| 5 | 2/00 | GOLD JUSTICE 40 (È Benfield) P Meldin 6-11-0 | |
| 6 | - | INDIAN SOVEREIGN 156F (K Pichards) J Thomas 6-11-0 | _ |
| 7 | 0- | KRAYBOURNE 430 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 5-11-0 | _ |
| 8 | ÓŪ | LITTLE TOM 16 (M O'Connor) J King 5-11-0 J White | 65 |
| 9 | 000- | SIANDY'S TINO 343 (Miss J Wood) J Herris 5-11-0 J A Herris | _ |
| 10 | | ORLEANS SOUND 42 (Dickins Ltd) S Mellor 6-11-0 \$ Confey | |
| 11 | 0-6 | PARSONIFY 11 (M Halistead) G Enright 5-11-0 | _ |
| 12 | 0 | RUN BY 69 (H Frost) D Esworth 6-11-0 B Powell | _ |
| 13 | | SHALBANEY 33 (Mrs. L. McNalley) C Horgen 6-11-0 | |
| 14 | · 0- | THE SHY CONTROLLER 342 (M Bateman) Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-0 | _ |
| 15 | | THE TORRIDGE 11 (J Hosrs) R Callow 5-11-0 | |
| 16 | | THE WOODEN HUT 33 (F Built) R Voorspuy 7-T1-0 | |
| 17 | | YEOMAN FARMER 74 (Mrs H Alvery J Gifford 6-11-0 | |
| 18 | 11-5 | YOUNG POKEY 65 (BF,F,G) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 5-11-0 J Oeborne | |
| 19 | | AIR VIEW STOF (F Richards) J Booley 5-10-9 | |
| 20 | PP | DAINSBURY 18 (W Lee) Mrs A Lee 5-10-9 | _ |
| 21 | | JOLESIAN 52 (B Seel) Mrs L Clay 4-10-7 M Richards | |
| | BETTING. | 2-1 Yeoman Farmer, 9-4 Fraeline Finishing, 11-4 Young Pokey, 12-1 Jolesian, 16-1 Para | onily, |

1989: ZAMIL 4-10-7 E McKinley (12-1) J Gifford 17 ran FORM FOCUS FREELINE FINISH- YOUNG POKEY, wery impres a good contast won by Beau Pari (Boyels) at Accot 5th beaten 20% by Babil (Inc.) a good contest won by Basu Pari (levels) at Accot (2m 4f), YEDMAN FARMER showed plenty of ability when 3rd beaten 11½ by the useful Egypt Mill (lev-2.30 FINAL SELLING HURDLE (21,898: 2m 30yd) (22 runners) 13-0132 YAMBU 15 (B, D,F,S) (J Pepper Lizi) J Jenkins 5-12-1
102-28P HATS HIGH 17 (D,S) (E O'Neal) R Alvahust 5-11-1
005-0P CASTLE JESTER 11 (B) (Mrs C Elliott) J Elliott 5-11-0
005-0 CASTLE JESTER 11 (B) (Mrs C Elliott) J Elliott 5-11-0
005-0 CRETAN BOY 20 (R Greens) Miss J Bleitaney 5-11-0
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005-0 CRETAN HOTEL 214F (S Agodine) M Johnston 5-11-0
0 CREDESTREE 1 (M Madigwick) M Aldergwick S-11-0
0 SPECIAL RESERVE 45 (G Stickland) G Stickland 5-11-0
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0 PLASHOR SALIS 14 (B) (A Russell) A Moore 5-10-9
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0 HANDY LADY (R Barber) R Hodges 5-10-9
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0 BERCAL DANCER 116F (M Lowin) R Stepson 4-10-7
0 BELANTH BEAM 18 (J Wakefeld) P Makin 4-10-7
0 BELANTH SEAN ANGLASE 228F (D Riger) J Ringer 4-10-2
0 BROOFRE ANGLASE 228F (D Riger) J Ringer 4-10-2
0 TIF FOR COUNSEL 18 (BF) (Fond House Racing) M Pipe 4-10-2
0 SETTING: 2-1 Fix For Counsel, 9-4 Yanbu, 4-1 Helio Sweefe, 5-1 Curious Fer ... J Leech (5) • 29 ... R Goldstein — D Gallegher — B Powell 80 .. J A Herrie ... W Monis R Guest

BETTING: 2-1 Pt For Coursel, 9-4 Yanbu, 4-1 Helio Sweetie, 5-1 Curious Feeting, 12-1 Firework William, Strong Languege, 14-1 others. 1989: SENOJOJ 4-10-12 R Guest (2-1 tax) G Balding 14 ran

FORM FOCUS YANGU was hardnder to who by a sh
hid from Cartax (rec 14b) at Folkestone (2m); could
make no impression when 2nd beaten 7 by Mighty
Prince (rec 2b) at Nottingham (2m) on latest start.
handicap hardle when pusted up before last in
handicap hardle when pusted up before last in
handicap hardle won by Sir Crusty; earlier 5th
beaten 191 by Stated Case (gave 16b) in a good
contest at Chepstow (2m).

FIREWORK WILLIAM, from a strewd stable, finShed 2nd beaten 18t by Sasrah The Wind (case

. M Lynch

| ishe | d 2nd | bea | ten 1½ by Search The Wind (gave Selection: HATS HIGH | | |
|------|--------|-------|---|-----------------|-------|
| | | | E NOVICES CHASE (£2,836; 2m 5f) (18 runners) | | |
| 1 | 85-4 | 50 | BIZAGE MOTORS 12 (B Nadir) Mrs J Pliman 6-11-2. | D Gallegher | _ |
| | | | GALTERIO 13 (V,G) (Miss N Hervey) A J Wilson 8-11-2 | | |
| 3 | 5000/ | BF (| GEX 79 (D Bass) Miss L Bower 7-11-2 | i Hodgeon (7) | _ |
| 4 | OF 3F | | HEAVENLY BROTHER 27 (F,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 7-11- | | |
| 5 | | | HIGH TOBY 73 (P Bowen) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-2 | | |
| 6 | | | HOOK HEAD 361 (H Josi) A Turnell 6-11-2 | | |
| 7 | 8364 | US I | KAMADOOR 20 (F,S) (D Harvie) G Balding 7-11-2 | J Freet | 9 |
| 8 | 0-34 | P2 | MER KORBY 13 (5) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 8-11-2 | S McHell | 8 |
| 9 | PSOU | 5-2 I | PROVERBULL SESSION 14 (B) (W M-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 9-11-2 | Peter Hobbs | . 8 |
| | | | RAVELSTON 20 (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 7-11-2 | | |
| | | | SOX SHOT 10 (F,S) (J Frampton) R Hodges 10-11-2 | | |
| | | | SPEEDY 80Y 63 (BJF) (L. Fuller) G Ennight 8-11-2 | | |
| | | | STAYHAR GOLD 51 (S) (M Rowe) J Baker B-11-2 W | | |
| | | | TAXDADS 59 (S) (Mrs P Marzouk) S Harris 8-11-2 | | |
| | 2127 | Ξ. | THE HUMBLE TILLER 74 (BF,S) (Mrs F De Moranille) N Handerson 7-11-2 | S Description | |
| | Face | = | YREKA BAY 35 (Mrs I Wasserman) J Edwards 8-11-2 | D Tent | |
| | | | DANCING BALLERINA 49 (Mrs R Murral) M Bolton 7-10-11 | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | GRANNY PRAY ON 14 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 8-10-11 | | |
| | | | 13-8 The Humble Tiller, 5-1 Mr Kirby, 11-2 Dancing Ballarina, 6-1 Kamar | 100r, Galtario, | , 10- |
| GIBI | my Pra | ıy Oı | n, 14-1 others. | | |
| | | | | | |

1989: SIR PERDO 8-11-9 Mr S R Andrews (5-1) Mrs E Andrews 11 ran

FORM FOCUS BEZAGE MOTORS, making chasing demand 201 by Go Nobley (noc 8tb) at Lingfield (2m only heating 25%) at Warwick (2mt); earlier showed better form when 4th beaten 25% by Carnazas (gave 5tb) at Towcester (2m 6t).

GALTERIO stayed on at one pace when 4th beaten 22 by Castle Oaks (levels) at Towcester (2m 6t).

GALTERIO stayed on at one pace when 4th beaten 131½ by Meningi (gave 14tb) at Hurtingdon (2m 4t).

MR KRIBY showed much-improved form but had no chance with Western Legend when 2nd beaten 12 at 1 Selections MR KRIBY

Course specialists



LEICESTER

Selections By Brian Beel By Mandarin 1.55 Mademist Susie. 1.55 Adventures. 2.25 Mushera Mountain 2.25 Some Obligation. 2.55 West Tip. 3.25 Krystle Saint. 2.55 West Tip. 3.25 Pea Sal.

3.55 Lean Ar Aghaidh. 4.25 Teaplanter. By Michael Seely 2.25 Some Obligation. 3.55 Lean Ar Aghaidh. 4.25 TEAPLANTER (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 PEA SAL.

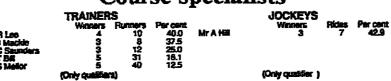
Going: good to soft 1.55 GARTHORPE MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Div I: amateurs: £1,260: 3m) (9 runners) 6064/U WREICH LAD 14 (Mrs I James) Mrs tim James 8-12-7 ... ASK JEAN (A Sellen) A Sellers 11-12-2 BETTING: 5-2 Mademist Susie, 4-1 Ask Jean, 9-2 Adventures, 6-1 Sunday Champers, 10-1 Peech Leef, 1 Wreidin Led, 20-7 Par Kelly, 25-1 others. 1989- SEDEWINDER 11-12-0 J Pickering (100-30) J Pickering 8 ran 2.25 PARR'S OF LEICESTER COUNTRY CLOTHES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs:

£1,632: 2m) (15 runners) . J Trice Rolph (7) 87

9 1000// MISHERA MOURTAIN 1105 (FI Begner) R Server 3-12-0 Mars L Server (7)
10 PP6-150 ORPHAN FRANK 125 (D Princhard D Pritchard 7-12-0 D Pritchard (7)
11 4- PEACEFUL LANE 384 (M Johnson M Johnson 12-12-0 A Hill (3)
12 0500F4- PRIVATEPERFORMANCE 485 (B) (W Brown) W Brown 9-12-0 A Hill (3)
13 F9/ SVENGALE 700 (Lady S-Wortey-Hard) Lady Sustri-Mortey-Hard 8-12-0 C Manufed (7)
14 8/13LU-5 BLOU GEORGIE 14 (B,5) [Airs C Joneway) Mrs C Jensway 9-11-12 G Manufed (7)
15 U SOME OBLIGATION 8 (J Usson) J Upson 5-11-7 BETTRAS: 11-8 Some Obligation, 5-1 Bijou Georgie, 7-1 Wise Gambol, 8-1 Big Decision, 12-1 Beget, Peacetal Lane, 14-1 Kates Star, 22-1 others. 1989: TRUE BLOOM 10-11-13 G Tarry (1-2 fav) G Tarry 9 ran

2.55 STURGESS OF LEICESTER LAND ROVER HUNTER CHASE (Ameteurs: \$2,406:

Course specialists



1 5-34120 DERCANDER 44 (C) (N Clutter) Lady Herries 8-11-7
2 211-213 STREAM BRIDGE 48 (C.B.F.F.S) (Mrs D Starte) O Shewood 9-11-7
3 2FP-455 SERGEANT SPRITE 13 (F,S) (D Worth) P Rensom 10-11-5
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(Amateurs: £2,524: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

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Time to let go of the folding stuff

Neil Bennett looks at Britain's progress towards

the cashless society; a dream at least five years from realization despite the

technological capability

upporters of the cash-less society have grown accustomed to waiting. Most agree the idea is a good one, whether it is the gold cardwielding executive or the cost-conscious banker. The technology is available and tests prove it will work.

Yet the years go by and shop tills and wallers are still as stuffed with notes and coins as they ever were. The revolutionary system thought up in the Eighties is being shelved in

favour of simpler, intermedisave them up to half the cheque and cash sorting costs.

ate operations which can be installed faster. The developments are being made, but the banking industry has become resigned to a long campaign to win acceptance for its dream. There are many drawbacks to handling cash. It is expen-

sive to manage and carries an inherent risk. Any retailer or banker has to spend a fortune on the staff to collect and protect it, and on the machines to sort and transport it. And cash goes missing,

whether by theft, fraud or human error. Other paper-based systems are little better. Britain's big five banks spend hundreds of millions each year on the staff and equipment to sort and cash cheques. So the prospect of an elecmoney from the consumer's pocket to the retailer's bank account is an appealing one. Banks estimate that once eftpos (electronic funds trans-

fer at point of sale) equipment

is fully established, it could

The journey towards the cashless society dates from 1968, when Barclaycard, the first credit card, was introduced. The consumer was being offered a flexible tool which not only took care of purchases but also offered a revolving credit facility.

It was only 10 years later achieve popular support. Today, up to a third of people in Britain hold some kind of

credit card. More recently, other forms of plastic have proliferated in our wallets; more than half of all adults own an automatic telling ma-chine (ATM) card, while Mid-land Bank, National Westminster and the Royal Bank of Scotland have rolled out 10.5 million Switch cards since they launched their di-

rect debit system in 1988. But statistics show all these developments have hardly

Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs) shows that cash still accounts for nearly 80 per cent of all retail payments over £1, and almost all payments below that. Even current account holders still make almost three-quarters of their payments over £1 in cash.

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Payments by "plastic" ac-count for only 6.5 per cent of the total, and only 3 per cent of the retail sector. They are dented our love of folding still outstripped by the in-stuff. A recent survey by the efficient cheque by almost

Myhill, Girobank's director of personal banking, says: "It is clear that the cashless society is a subject for discussion in the same context as package holidays on the moon.

he picture is chang-ing; in 1976 cash was used for 93 per cent of transactions and has been declining in importance steadily. But if the pace of change does not accelerate, it will be well into the next century before cash loses its pre-eminence.

In one respect, the banks which are investing millions to promote non-cash transactions are shooting themselves in the feet with the proliferation of the ATMs. There are now 15,000 com-puter cash dispensers in our high streets, most of them belonging to one of the three main networks, Link, Barc-lays-Lloyds and Midland-National Westminster.

Together they make it easier than ever before for an account holder to obtain butdreds of pounds which he can then go and spend yards away. There were 720 million

ATM withdrawals in 1988, an increase of 16 per cent on the year before, compared with only 2 per cent growth in cheque volume. Apacs forecast that cheque volumes will soon stagnate at around 3.7 billion and begin to fall off at the end of the decade.

Growth in ATM use is forecast to compete with Eftpos development for at least another five years, and could reach 1.2 billion withdrawals a year by 1995. After that, electronic transfer may begin to assert itself.

Another area where the banks are seemingly holding back progress is their reluctant agreement to raise the ceiling on cheque guarantee cards. Until 1987, the banks had kept the limit at £50, and there was clear evidence that the decline

forcing customers to use other payment methods, principally credit cards.

But Abbey National's success with its £100 cheque card has pushed most banks into offering limits of up to £250 for its wealthier customers. which could delay them into making the cultural change to

paying by electronic transfer. But Apacs has documented one change that has prepared the ground for these sophisticated financial operations. In the past 15 years, bank accounts have become accepted by the British public as a need. Almost three-quarters of adults held a current ac-count in 1988, compared to less than half in 1976.

Only 12 million adults, mostly the unemployed, the elderly or housewives, do not hold a current account, and these groups offer little pros-pect for the banks' new business hunters. Instead the institutions can use their customer network to introduce new systems rapidly.

The next three years will see much upheaval in all the embryonic elements of the cashless society. Credit card issuers have to decide whether the annual charge is to become a standard feature, as the divide between them and charge cards grows, and issu-ers search for a profitable niche in the maturing market.

Eftpos is here, but in a more modest form than the banking community had invisaged. It will be another year before its success can be gauged, and innovations like central clearing and instantaneous debiting become possible. Finally, everyone is holding

their breath wondering if any institution will have the nerve to try a general launch of the "smart card" system where cards can be programmed with credit details. The cashless society may not be here yet, but it will remain a topic

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Charges revive troubled card market's hopes

Credit card charges are viewed by the

industry as a way of stabilizing its future and offering a fairer client service

year, the British dustry suffered the biggest trauma of its history. Just as the Monopolies and Mergers card companies was finally published, Lloyds Bank announced it was planning to introduce an annual charge on

its 3 million Access cards. The commission's report suggested that retailers should be allowed to quote higher prices for credit card payers, or alternatively, offer a dislater endorsed by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade (Neil Bennett

If this becomes law later this year, those who issue decision to charge a £12 fee and cut interest rates was dearmatic. A fifth of the total faced with tougher competition. Not only will they have to convince customers to pay more for their goods, in . the face of the growing number of rival payment methods, they will also need to get cardholders to borrow, despite the availability of loans

traditional credit card services, as issuers begin to look at ways of gaining an edge on

Since the introduction of Barclaycard in 1968 and Acthe one hand they were cashless shopping devices, which gave the user up to 60 days in which to settle everyday bills, and on the other they were an easy source of unsecured credit, albeit at a premium

interest rate.
While this provided a flexible tool for customers who used them properly, there were false economics in the operation. The 50 to 60 per cent of people who paid interest were subsidising the people who settled their bills in full.

This was never a problem while the issuers profited from a cosy duopoly in an expanding market in the Seventies and early Eighties. But a chain of events in the last three years has exposed the cracks in the

The arrival of dozens of new ssuers at a time when the market was maturing created

tion, well ahead of its European competitors. When institutions like Chase Manhattan and Save & Prosper began offering lower interest rates to credit-worthy bor-Commission's report on credit rowers, they were wooing away the established issuers best customers.

Card holders were also becoming increasingly sophis-ticated. The proportion of "nil-payers", those who do not incur interest charges, increased to almost 50 per cent. The changes have dev-

astated the issuers' recent profits. At Lloyds they fell by two-thirds to £11 million in 1989, and went into losses in

dramatic. A fifth of the total number of customers, 600,000 people closed their accounts. But the bank maintains it is happy with this, since most of the dissidents were either nilpayers or had dormant accounts. The card operations are now returning to profit, it

Lloyds Bank's decision highlights the increasing competition and dwindling profitability within the industry. It also marks the start of a thorough shake-up in a thorough shake-up in a clickly to become a standard feature. dard feature.

arclays may be the exception since it not only makes strong profits from its cess in 1972, credit cards have offered an uncomfortable ness, but Barclaycard, the combination of services. On largest credit card with its nine million customers, is a combined cheque-guarantee card for bank customers.

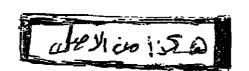
The stage is set for the credit card market to develop dis-tinct segments, as issuers offer different charges and interest rates to attract different types of customers.

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The upheavals have removed the focus from the so-called affinity cards, which, like the Midland's Arts card, offer to pay a set amount to a particular cause for every £1 spent. Most issuers have been disappointed by their moves in this field and have realized that, for now, customers want basic value for money rather than peripheral benefits.

The credit card business the forerunner of the cashless society, may change beyond recognition in the next three years. But in the end both customers and card issuers should benefit from the growthe first problems. Britain has ing diversity in the market.

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Goodbye cheque book...

Electronic fund-transfer shopping, which began with the introduction of the Switch system, is spreading rapidly in the high street.

Neil Bennett explains how it works

t the end of 1988 a small green symbol began appearing on cards. Called Switch, the symbol was part of a new paper-free payment system. After years of dis-cussion, electronic fund transfer at point of sale (Eftpos) had bankers are well pleased with

In two years, Eftpos has gone from this standing start to become an established feature of the high street. More than 10.5 million cards, mostly from Midland, National Westminster and the Royai Bank of Scotland, can now be used in 23,000 electronic Switch debiting machines across the country.

At its side, Barclays' Con-nect and Lloyds' Visa debiting systems are gaining mo-mentum, although they can still be used in the traditional paper-based card transaction. The banks have rolled out Switch at an impressive speed. At the start of the year, there were just two Shell petrol stations with Switch facilities. Now there are 1,100. By the end of May, all 3,500 stations in Britain should be equipped.

More than 4,000 terminals are being opened every month, with the banks using as their target the 160,000 retail outlets in Britain which take credit cards. Even Marks & Spencer, with its aversion to other people's plastic cards, is experimenting with Switch.

But the other side of the equation — the customer

will take longer to develop. Market research shows that only a third of Switch card owners know they can use this facility, since most Switch cards are combined with cheque-guarantee or cash-disare up to 70 million debit card transactions annually, and

the speed of development. "The whole thing has ex- of pounds each year, so it is

Sign of the times: Switch joins the shopping-by-card system



ploded like home computers or videos," Mr Scott Thompson, head of merchant services

at Midland Bank, says.
The development has been the new Eftpos systems. Already more than 90 per cent of expensive. Midland estimates its stores can take the Switch and Visa cards. Use of the the Switch programme has cost it up to £30 million. But cards in its stores is well above the prize is a reduction of up to 50 per cent in the costs of the national average. Since December, 8 per cent of all transactions are being made processing paper-based pay-ments, hundreds of millions by Eftpos, and 17 per cent of

But nationally, electronic debit transactions barely register against the huge daily flow of cash in the high street. The Eftpos system in Sainsbury's is typical. When the bill is rung up, the customer hands over his card. This is wiped through a magnetic reader and a slip printed out for the customer to sign.

money well spent.

Sainsbury's has led the way

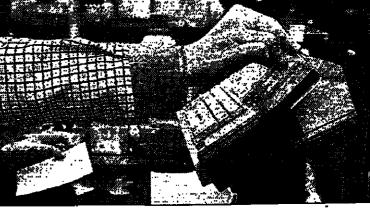
among retailers in installing

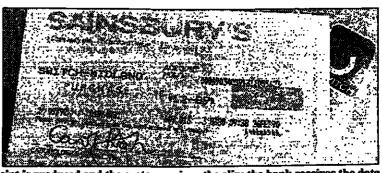
The data is then stored in the branch's computer, and transmitted to the chain's central clearing computer at the end of the day. From there it goes to the acquiring bank, Midland, which pays it in an average of three days. The banks' stolen cards lists are entered into the branch computers every day as a security measure.

Sainsbury's is already experimenting with the next step Switch's development Cashback, where the customer can ask for up to £30 in cash as well as settling his bill.

The irony of it is that Switch and Visa have succeeded where more sophisticated systems have failed. Last month the Association for Payment







igh an electronic till. A receipt is produced and the customer signs the slip; the bank receives the data Clearing Servies (APACS), the safe security system which scrambled data if opened. The

cheque-clearing house owned jointly by the major banks, decided to close its EftPos UK. market, however, was demanding an Eftpos system immediately, something pilot scheme in April. EftPos UK, which took three years and £60 million to develop, offered retailers a far more sophisticated system. Not only would it act as a central clearing operation, but EftPos

The roll out of Eftpos systems will continue, while APACS can only wait and UK terminals included a failhope that the systems will be

the banks' individual operations have triumphed.

APACS could not provide, so

Barclays has applied for Switch membership, but insists it will not abandon its Connect Visa system. Switch and Connect regulations prohibit the bank from putting both systems on the same card, so it may be forced to issue a separate Switch card. Retailers are so pleased with the cost and time savings from

already putting pressure on banks to develop the next same-day debiting, so they can bank their money three days sooner. The banks are likely to resist the pressure for now since the cost could be prohibitive. But retailers and banks alike will continue their battle

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Paper-free trading heralds a new age

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Report by Clive Parish

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conduct intertouching paper. Everything box", where they are sorted from order forms to delivery instructions are transmitted "mailbox" for retrieval.

Transactions which once the sort weeks are made company trade data interchange, or EDL

And later this year the introduction of the first EDI payment system by a major delivery of data. bank will enable these com-

ing cycle will become completely paperless.

suppliers and customers by exchanging messages between computers. The messages are of 50 to 60 new companies standardized so that all computers — anything from IBM-compatible PCs to main-frame systems — can read and act upon information without human intervention.

The messages are normally exchanged using a store and forward system operated by a third party, one of the commercial EDI networks. The sender dials and connects to the network and delivers

took days or weeks are made in a fraction of the time, error free and with guaranteed

bank will enable these com-panies to settle their accounts community in Europe with

years," says Mr Brian Morgan, financial services marketing EDI enables companies to manager at International Netcommunicate with their work Services, the largest network provider in Britain. We are expanding at the rate each month. Our user base is doubling each year and total traffic is doubling every six

INS, formed jointly by ICL and General Electric Information Services in early 1987, operates several EDI networks including Tradanet, provided exclusively for members of the months exclusively for members of the Article Number Association. Britain's trade association.

lt is through Tradanet that the National Westminster Bank will launch the first EDI trade-payments service later this year. NatWest hails it as the most significant banking move this century.

"The idea is to take people trading using EDI and allow them to create a completely integrated system," says Mr Jerry Whitmarch, senior manager of strategy and research in NatWest's automated business services department.

"At the moment they can exchange various business documents using EDI, but when it comes to settlement they have had to use an alternative. In 98 per cent of cases this has meant printing hopes they will connect to its out a copy of a remittance planned Paynet service, an advice, stapling a cheque to it extension of Tradanet. It sees and popping it in the post."

NatWest Bank's

in the same way, doing away with cheques, remittance, debit and credit advices, and manual signatures. The tradition with cheques and manual signatures. The tradition with cheques are constant to the system where and industry. We have such as an order message to a supplier. NatWest, its customer and the supplier will all the constant to the system. therefore able to exchange messages amongst themselves and other network members

> When NatWest receives the payment order message, it debits the customer's account and sends a credit entry to the supplier in the normal way. Having transacted the payment, the bank then returns to the network and sends debit and credit advice messages to the customer and supplier.

> The most important aspect of a settlement system is security. The NatWest system, called BankLine Interchange. will use the Tradanct connection and translation software - but access will be restricted by smartcards.

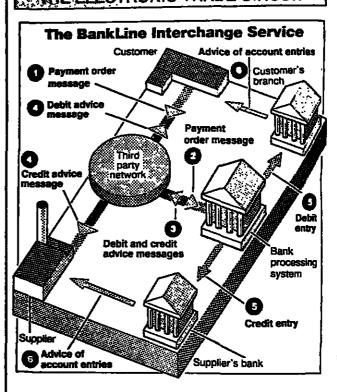
> Mr Whitmarch says: "We will provide customers with smart cards which will enable them to review payment instructions. Once the instruction has been created they will be able to cancel, amend, or release it as they like.

"When we receive the message we will check the contents against a special authentication code and if any change has been made to the message then the code and message won't match."

Other banks are hard on NatWest's heels and INS and popping it in the post."

Payment instruction messages will be generated using trading cycle.

THE ELECTRONIC TRADE CIRCUIT



Banks consider the 'smart' card

A piece of clever plastic with many

advantages over today's credit

cards is now being tested by British banks

ast week, 105 executives gathered in a central London hotel for "Smart Card 90", a conference on a banking device which could hold the key to a truly cashless

Smart cards are the next generation of plastic payment cards. They are expected to play a major role in reducing note and coin turnover in the coming decades. A smart card is similar in size to a normal credit card, but contains a single silicon chip (Neil Benneti writes).

The chip has the programme and data memory capacity of a small home computer and also contains a miniature microprocessor to operate simple programmes.
On the outside, the card has a contact button, allowing it to connect with a base computer

when it is fed into a machine. The smart card has several advantages over a standard magnetic-strip version. It can carry far more data, from financial details through to full medical histories. Data can be altered any time the card is used. The card's data can also be protected with codes, and it can memorize any instance of misuse, making fraud almost impossible.

Smart-card technology has been available in the US since 1979. But British banks have been unwilling to adopt it. preferring more modest advances, like debit cards. The smart card will make its

Britain with the advent of satellite pay television. News Gem Smart Card, a News International subsidiary, is producing smart cards to de-code the Sky film channel on subscription.

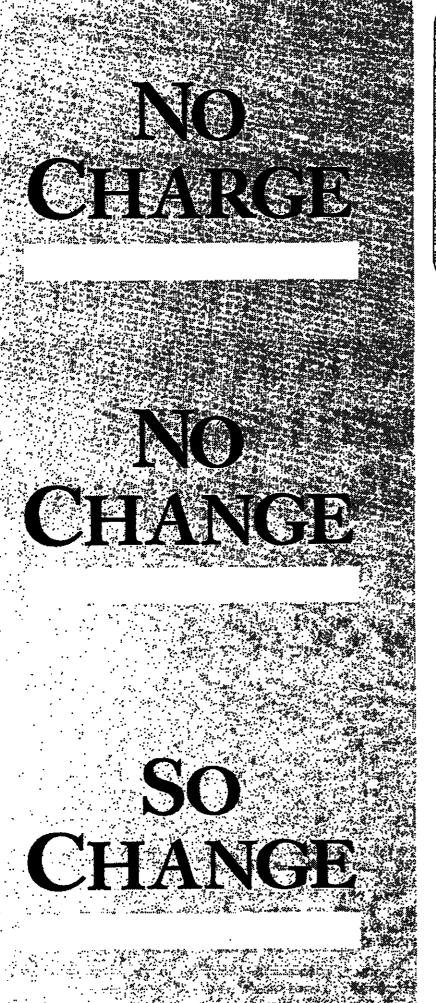
Last year, both Barclays and Midland Bank took the plunge and ordered smart card trials. Both chose locations where the card could become a standard form of payment. Midland established its location at Loughborough University, Leicestershire, using GEC equipment. Barclays opted for the Dallington Country Club, near its headquarters in Northampton, for a joint venture with Bull.

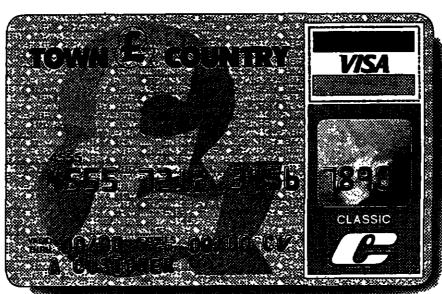
Ten per cent of Loughborough University Stadents now use smart cards on campus. They can use the card in three ways: as a cashless wallet, which they charge up at Midland cash machines and use for payment in the college shops and bars; as a simple debit card to charge their Midland bank accounts; or as paid access to other college franking, photocopying and vending machines.

The card's popularity has grown steadily. In December, the system handled 2,800 transactions, compared to only 500 when it started. Barclays issued cards to al

2,000 members of the Dallington Chub. The cards can be used for access and 10 buy food and drink, either with charged-up money or as 3 paperless cheque. They also carry training and medical

A survey of club members after a year of operation showed that more than a third were carrying less or no cash since the cards were introduced. Almost all were satisfied their money was secure. Unfortunately for the banks, however, 39 per cent thought the fitness and medical functions were more useful than the financial services.





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EDUCATION

A Hertfordshire scheme to recruit teachers has scored a success

How Rita was lured to become a teacher

ita Tingle had been working as a research engineer for 11 years when she decided it was time for a change. Her friends were astonished when she decided to become a teacher. But talk of low morale and poor pay failed to deter her.

Mrs Tingle is typical of the type of man or woman the Government wants to entice into the classroom through its licensedteacher scheme, introduced in September in the face of bitter opposition from the teacher nions, which want nothing to do with them. It may be that the unions have little to fear; so far the scheme has attracted fewer than

Mrs Tingle, now in her thirties. has a nine-year-old son and is an honours graduate in electronics from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. She was one of the first recruits to the Hertfordshire Action on Teacher Shortages (Hats) started by Hertfordshire County Council in 1986 as a joint

venture with British Petroleum. She says: "Several factors led me to teaching. One of them was that I was becoming disillusioned with research and I wanted to do something I thought was im-

The decision was not without its sacrifices. "I went into full-time training earning less than I did as a part-time researcher," she explains. Now she is a maths teacher at the John Warner school, Hoddesdon, the money has improved. She is earning more than she did part-time but less than if she had stayed full-time in

David Gifford, head of John Warner, says: "She has done well. The advantages of mature entrants are their enthusiasm and knowledge of life outside school." Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education and Science, says she sees the Hertfordshire experiment as an example for future licensed-teacher schemes. "Streamlining the routes to qualified-teacher status will help schools secure the teachers they need. It will allow mature, well-

qualified peopled who want to

turn to teaching in mid-career to

do so without having to return to

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life as a full-time student." Hats was launched by Margaret Darby, former head of a girls' secondary school and Don Bootle,

former personnel training manager for BP Shipping. Mr Bootle was originally seconded to the authority, but now works full-time for Hertfordshire while still being paid by BP. The scheme is also supported by government grants.

Under the programme, at least 100 recruits have entered schools as specialist teachers in the three shortage subjects of maths, science - particularly in physics - and technology. One of the original 1987 trainees has been appointed head of a school science depart-

In the three years the scheme has been running, at least 500 people, about two-thirds of them men, have been interviewed. Some drop out at once, others

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train as teachers in the normal way. The age limits are from 26 to 60, about 42 being the average.

Candidates must be graduates or equivalent and go through a gruelling selection procedure be-fore admission. The latest group of 24, aged between 33 and 55, started their two-year training earlier this month.

The first thing that struck Mrs Darby and Mr Bootle when they began the scheme was how difficult it was for people who wanted to switch careers. Mrs Darby says: "It was difficult to discover how you went about it. For some of them, the year's post-graduate course in teaching was not appro-

It also became clear that there as a sizeable pool of talent in Hertfordshire, which has a large number of advanced electronic

and engineering companies.

Mrs Darby says: "Forty seems the critical age for people - a time to consider whether they want to spend the next 20 or so years of their working life as they are or to change to something quite different. Women often want to take up a second career."

Recruits are first of all interviewed by either Mrs Darby or Mr Bootle. Those who want to proceed and are considered suitable go on a one-week teachertester course, which includes two days at a local school, where they

are observed by senior teachers. Mrs Darby says: "It is amazing how much you can learn about somebody who has been in your school for a couple of days. We do not try to make it glamorous, but tell them how it is. We point out that teaching is very difficult and <u>demanding</u>

"About a third deselect themselves; they are normally the ones you would want to go anyway. There is then a long period of consultation for those who want to

The successful applicants are now taken on as licensed teachers and put into schools for between four and seven weeks to watch leasons and start teaching, at first with experienced staff, then on their own. Some drop out at this point. They then go on an eight-week professional studies course at Hatfield Polytechnic before joining a school for a term, then applying for jobs in county

When they have been offered jobs, the new teachers spend some time at the end of term at the

school they are to join. All the trainee teachers, who will be given qualified-teacher status after two years, are paid the same rate when they start training - £9,350, rising to £10,500 under the new pay rates.

The Hertfordshire scheme has undoubtedly been successful, but Geoffrey Williams, responsible for secondary education in the county, concedes that it is expensive because it depends heavily on labour-intensive, high-quality training. But he says: "There is an advantage in recruiting people with experience that we would otherwise have to 'buy in' using schemes such as work experience for teachers. It is that there is benefit in having people in teaching who have spent time outside



David Tytler Rita Tingle: an early recruit to the Hertfordshire Action on Teacher Shortages

A GOVERNOR'S DIARY

Why, oh, why did I volunteer?

Governors of state schools have been given increased

powers. A typical primary will have three parent governors, three appointed by the local authority and four co-opted from the local community. The Times

Education page today begins a series written by a governor from a small urban primary school

t seemed appealing at the time. My daughter had just joined the local primary school and the head teacher was asking for nominations for parent governors. My wife was on the Parent Teachers' Association and was keen to be a governor. So was I. Her feminine militancy collapsed and she recommended me.

I was duly elected, largely because nobody else stood, and in those far-off days of 1986, the governors had little power. Things are so different. We even have to fight off rivals for the now-dubious honour of being a governor. But we have real power, although we have little idea how to use it - despite the expensive and intensive training courses provided by the local authority.

We are going to be allowed to run our schools in conjunction with the head, but that is not always easy. Some heads are reductant, saying: "This is not why ! became a teacher," or, more frightening in these days of market forces when schools have to sell themselves to parents as efficient caring centres of learning." I have no interest in management." Other heads will bully us: parents will say we are letting them down; the teachers we appoint and rely on will say we are failing to understand them; and the education officers in the town hall, many of whom have previously failed our children and schools, will ask: "How will lay governing bodies know how to control a school?"

aybe they won't, but we need no lessons from the town hall. If governors are asked to deal with a badly run school, they will only be picking up the pieces left by the "professionals". Even the best-run school has to rely on its teachers. And a rum lot they are.

Most are sensitive, caring, reasonably well-educated and unworldly. Many are stuck in the Sixties, especially those who went to school then, more concerned about finding their inner selves than pushing the children to handle the essentials of learning.

One young man, asked to explain how he would teach his nine-year-olds to improve their punctuation and spelling, was quite proud when he said: "I am certainly not going to get my class to do boring exercises." Neither should he. The governors are still waiting for the

Teacher shortages as they apply to various parts of the country are well-known. The horrors for governors can only be imagined when confronted with a class of 10year-olds without a full-time teacher and only one applicant who decides - after the interview - that she does not want the job after all, or the sole infant teacher who comes for the interview having already accepted a

job elsewhere. The governors, who have taken a day off work to attend the interview, knowing that they have little choice but to accept the candidate unless she has two heads or runs off with the chairman, must start all over again. Meanwhile, the class still has



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EDUCATION

Inspectors start to rebuild a school

or the third time in two years, the Inner London Education Authority (liea) was at the centre of a public crisis last week over one of its schools. This time it was Hackney Free and Parochial School, a 700-pupil Church of England comprehensive. As with the previous two highly-publicized cases — at Highbury Quadrant primary and Kingsdale comprehensive, Dulwich — local authority school inspectors had to pull the irons out of the fire.

Hackney was propelled into the headlines by the most openly critical report ever from Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools (HMIs), the Government's watchdog group. The HMIs had been called in by Ilea's inspectorate, which now has the job of helping the school back to its feet.

"The most important thing is to rebuild morale," said Mrs Elaine Robertson, Ilea's senior staff schools inspector, who is heading the team at Hackney. "It really hit rock bottom when the HMIs came in last December and we had begun to rebuild it. But after publication of the HMI report, we feel as though we have to start all over again. We must accept that everything the inspectors said was true at the time they visited the school in December. But a lot has been done since to start overcoming the problems."

Mrs Robertson said the root

cause was chronic staff shortage in London's schools. Many flaws identified by the HMIs were the result of constantly changing temporary staff trying to plug gaps.

The day after publication the school showed little outward sign of living up to the title of "Britain's worst school". Pupils in uniform were smart and friendly, if a little excited by the attentions of the media. There was no sign of the "many very offensive graffiti" inspectors noticed defacing the school. The lavatories they described as "insanitary" had been cleaned and were back in working order. Staff were subdued, but one said: "It is always the negative that makes headlines. There are a lot of good things here and we have a number of exceptionally able pupils."

Mrs Robertson was candid: "It has never been one of our best schools, but it was by no means the worst. Many of the problems resulted from the fact that a quarter of the staff were part-time supply teachers last term."

Improving morale

is a priority as

the rescue team

moves in, writes **Douglas Broom**

However, she said the severe problems recorded in the HMI report had blown up suddenly in the autumn term and that the school had no history of serious shortcomings. There had been a management breakdown because senior staff were "running round trying to cover classes instead of

anaging the school" The Ilea inspectors' first priority had been to "take the senior staff the elbow" and guide them back to the path of sanity. This process of re-focusing, assisted by an influx of experienced supply

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staff "donated" by other local heads, helped the school's senior management team to resume control, and standards and morale

The HMI report found that a fifth of pupils played truant each day. Mrs Robertson said: "It is improving, but more will have to be done."

At least one inspector is at the school every day to guide senior staff and help out. "The emphasis is very much on advice and we try to be postitive about everything."
Mrs Robertson said. "Sometimes, frankly, it has been hard to find anything positive, but we try to find things to praise even if that praise is swiftly followed up with a suggestion that something needs to be looked at rather urgently."

Mary Collier, who has been drafted in as acting head following the departure on indefinite sick leave of the former headmaster, said her first priority was to reassure parents

The school is heavily oversubscribed for next year and a parents' meeting will be held this week in an effort to prevent mass

Mrs Collier said: "There is a lot of good work going on here. HMI themselves praised French and special needs, and music and art

are very strong."

As a first step, homework is now being checked weekly by senior staff and a "development plan" introduced to strengthen senior

The whole affair has come as an embarrassment to the Church of England, After criticizing the Government for the shortcomings of its inner-city policies, church leaders conceded that it was uncomfortable to be in the dock over

inner London pupils.
The HMIs did not mince their words. Hackney Free and Parochial School was "seriously failing to meet pupils' needs".

Their report recorded absenteeism and indiscipline among pupils, castigated staff for failing to set or mark homework and said at least half of all lessons were "of the poorest quality".

It described the school build-

ings, for which the church has sole responsibility, as "dull and squalid", and said lack of regair also put pupils' safety at risk.

Under voluntary-aided status the church appoints the head teacher and most of the governors and is responsible for buildings and maintenance. The Rev William Hurdman, rector of Hackney and chairman of the governors, said the Bishop of Stepney, the Rt Rev Jim Thompson, and he were both concerned about the findings. He said it was "very damaging" for the church's Faith in the City initiative to be seen to be presiding over a school criticized by the inspectors in such strong

Mr Hurdman said: "It is a great embarrassment to me and the bishop. But it is a responsibility which we must all accept." The Stepney Diocese would do all it could to help overcome the

Mr Hurdman said the church was considering a plan to make available unused vicarages for teachers at the school in an attempt to solve the shortages.

Despite the fact that the school can offer new staff incentive allowances of up to £3,500 a year plus allowances of £1,500, it still has 10 unfilled posts out of a staff of 42. The root of the problem clearly remains to be tackled.



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College raises its profile

Undergraduates are helping to attract students to their institution with

a planned public relations exercise

ndergraduate life is dominated by gossip. There are no better and otherwise, than students, and Dr Derek Roberts, the new Provost of University College London, is harnessing this resource to the benefit of his institution.

The college has had its troubles recently. In 1988 it announced expected debts of £13.6 million by 1992-93. Although that projection has been cut to about £6 million. the college also has a public identity crisis. Many people think it is a boring extension of London University and have difficulty recognizing it as an autonomous unit.

This did not matter when there were more qualified students than the universities could cope with in the 1980s, but the number of sixthformers will fall by a third in three years - so no identity could mean no students.

On top of that, London is an expensive place in which to study. Rents of £45 a week are common, and students have to cover rail fares and other incidentals, making the capital a daunting prospect.

All universities will have to compete for students but the London colleges, which make up a fifth of the university system, also have to compete with each other. Dr Roberts has enlisted his students to sell his college to the media, sixthformers and the research councils.

So far 15 have been professionally trained over 10 weeks in public relations that means writing press releases and handling interviews and, above all, staying au fait with what is going on inside the college. Every student has a responsibility in a department and access to all academic specialists.

Stephen Montgomery, head of external relations, says: "Students are very often the first to hear any news. They can operate at a different level from the academic staff. They also have the benefit of large

numbers of dons reporting the latest trends and research developments to them

through lectures. The scheme is part of the college's new policy to provide extra-curricular education for its students. This year several volunteers will join Territorial Army officers on an Outward Bound leadership course.

Jude Ngu, a Cameroonian studying for a PhD in electrical engineering, says he volunteered as a public relations officer because he wanted to learn what was going on in the college and add a dimension to his life outside

academic activities.
He says: "For example, I have been involved on publicizing the work being done here on neural networks the electronic copying of thought processes]. It does not help my work much, but it broadens my mind and is jolly good fun."

He aims to return to lecture in his home country. "The communications skills and interview techniques will be useful when teaching. Many lecturers here do not know how to do it very well. I want to know that I can communicate what I know."

🌂 hahrar Ali, a second-year biochemical engineering Student from Kent, says: "It is essential to get students involved in profile-raising, especially if they have differing opinions and come from a wide range of backgrounds."

The college authorities have looked to the United States, where undergraduates are encouraged to feel a fiercely strong bond of loyalty to the. alma mater. This loyalty pays dividends when the Ivy League colleges go fund-raising and gain millions of dollars a year in endowments from old boys and girls.

So in raising the college's public profile, Dr Roberts is also establishing an esprit de college which, he hopes, will pay dividends.

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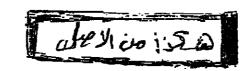
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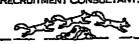
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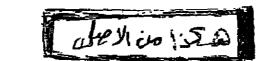
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Dealings start today in ADG Group, whose interests stretch from advertising to employment agencies and office furniture - three areas of industry that have already been hit by the economic

But that has not deterred Mr Jeffrey Fowler, chairman and founder, who says there is still scope for steady growth in carnings during the next few years. "If you own 30 per cent of a sector, you can only go up or down depending on the economic climate. I own less than I per cent of 1 per cent of any industry and can outmanoenvre the big boys."

ADG has come to market via a placing of 10.4 million shares, or 39 per cent of the issued share capital, at 14p each, valuing the entire group at £3.7 million. The duil conditions prevailing in the company's areas of operation perhaps explain why it is coming to the market priced at an attractive rating of about 5 times prospective earnings and yielding

Mr Fowler acquired ADG in 1987 for a nominal sum with the idea of developing it into a sales and marketing business. We acquired several lossmaking businesses and wrote a five-year plan pinpointing the sectors we wanted to be involved in. We then went on the

An initial loss of £42,000 was replaced by a pre-tax profit of £137,000 in 1988, ng to £396,000 in the year to June 30, 1989. A further healthy rise in profits is expected this year.

The group specializes in outdoor poster sites where it insists there is plenty of scope for growth. The employment agency operates from agencies based in



Fowler: left with about quarter of stock South-east England. The placing has raised £1 million net which will strengthen the balance sheet by reducing borrowings of £600,000. The rest of the money will help finance acquisitions.

Mr Fowler said: "The money raised was not important. We were hoping to attract investors for the long term. Many Unlisted Securities Market companies operate in a thin market. We have released the bulk of our sharts to make them more marketable and I am left with about a quarter of the stock," The emphasis was not on growth for the

sake of it. "The important thing is to achieve healthy margins," he said. Michael Clark

Fitting time for Campbell

When County NatWest moves into its offices in the City's Broadgate development, it will be a significant moment for Campbell & Armstrong, the USM office, shopfitting and building services group.

Campbell, which boasts Professor Roland Smith as its chairman - with Mr Ray Chambers as managing director has handled the specialist joinery and polishing work in the Bishopsgate build-ing. Irwin, the Manchester firm's southem region subsidiary, has built its floors, frames and counters.

The County NatWest contract was worth £1.5 million and, in the year to end-March, 1990, brokers following the company expect it to at least equal last year's £3.06 million pre-tax profit, despite difficult trading conditions.

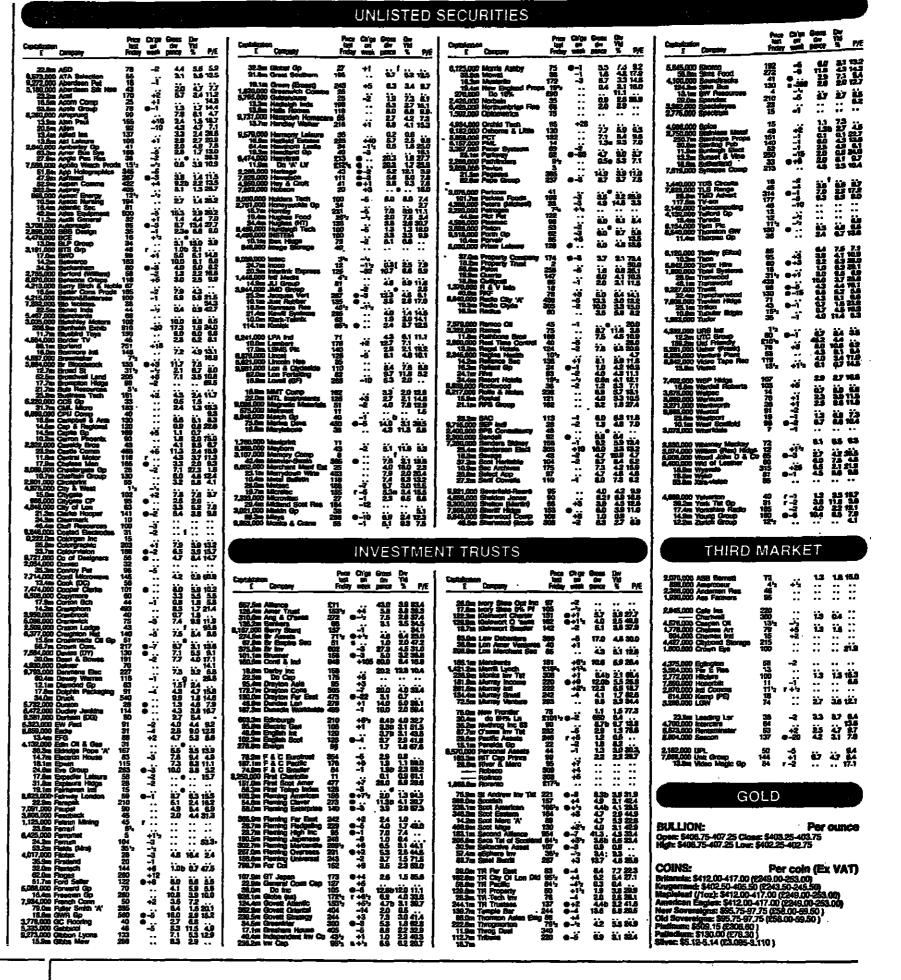
At the half-way stage, Campbell had increased profits 14 per cent to £1.6

to £37.9 million. Earnings per share, however, fell from 8.8p to 7.4p and the dividend was held steady.

The company explains the declining earnings figure by pointing to a number of acquisitions, mostly for shares, coupled with an earlier rights issue.

The business is certainly doing better than a number of its competitors and its directors claim this is because of its efficient management and broadly-based ctivities. It admits shopfitting has been badly hit by the economic downturn, but stresses that less than 20 per cent of its customer base is in the retail sector, while 35 per cent is commercial, 20 per cent financial and 10 per cent hotels and

Carol Leonard



US NOTEBOOK

Dollar revival spurred by services and savings

There has been a significant fourth quarter of 1989, US Another factor contributing to slide in the US balance of exports of services, in conthis solid achievement is the payments deficit. The US stant prices, rose 24 per cent "trade deficit" is no longer a relevant policy issue.

There is a good chance that if present policies are mainand by the Federal Reserve. America is going to generate ever bigger surpluses in the

Already its foreign exchange reserves have risen 75 per cent in the past 12 months. They increased \$27 billion in the year to December 1989.

Over the same period, Ja-pan's reserves fell by \$13 bil-

By the end of last month, Japan's foreign exchange re-serves had fallen to \$80.44 billion, from \$84 billion at end-December and \$98.4 billion at end-March 1989.

Instead of cringing, as many dollar bears expected, the US currency is showing remarkable strength.

What is only dimly underis only part of America's forstood is that trade in "goods" n trade. The US is generating strongly growing surpluses on services due to huge foreign business in travel, entertainment, finance, business, medicine and education.

while imports of services increased only 16 per cent.

The surplus on services has risen by 51 per cent to \$60 billion. Because of this and the fact that since 1986 exports of all goods and services have risen at twice the rate of growth of imports of goods

● America will once again become a net investor beyond its shores 9

and services, the US "negative net exports," has fallen from \$130 billion in 1986 to an annual rate of \$48 billion in the fourth quarter of 1989.

A mania arose which produced in Americans a dreadful fear of falling into the status of a "net debtor."

This was always exaggerated, as America's vast foreign assets were always undervalued in these sums.

Soon, as the surplus on services continues to grow and as imports of goods remain constrained. America will once again become a net Between 1987 and the investor beyond its shores.

this solid achievement is the rise in American savings.

In January this year, personal savings were running at 5.9 per cent of disposable personal income - or \$232 billion a year. This was 75 per cent above the rate in the first quarter of 1988 and 60 per cent above the average level of personal savings over the past 10 years.

This is not a recent event: personal savings have been growing strongly since 1987. They are now nearly two-anda-half times the 1987 level.

This is partly why money is pouring into money market mutual funds. Personal consumption spending is also

In January the level of "real" personal spending was 0.2 per cent above the level of the September quarter. Consumers have stopped raising their spending.

This is a positive point for the balance of trade because it means imports are weakened while there is more incentive for US producers to export. All this means the under-

pinnings for the dollar are becoming ever stronger.

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Overseas sales rise 17% to record

British shoe exports shine

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

nirers achieved record exports st year with a near 17 per cent increase over 1988.

More than 25 million pairs worth £214 million were sent abroad in 1989, representing 22 per cent of total British production.

Overseas tastes and hard selling by Britons have both played a part in the success, the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation reports. Strong demand for the British look in Europe, especially France, has favoured the Brit-ish makers of traditional footwear such as men's quality all-

Five British makers also joined forces to make a strong pitch at the Tokyo Shoe Fair. It went well with £250,000 in firm orders taken.

But British makers had less trade overall last year. The assed through the factory previous year. This picture of the women's range.

Britain's footwear manufac-mers achieved record exports the previous year. Judged on emerges from the BFMF's value, the decline was of the same order.

The main problem has been imports but a shrinking of patterns. overall sales in the home market was another factor. Over the year, volume sales

in the home market dwindled by 8.1 per cent, while December showed a 14 per cent decline on the same month of

Import penetration last year was approaching 67 per cent. women being almost identica Although the tide ebbed a at just over £1.9 billion each. little in volume terms. pairage was down 6 per cent over the year with an 8.9 per cent decline showing up in the last five months - importers higher prices. have been increasingly moving into bringing in more account for about 30 per cent expensive footwear. Hence the of the market and women sales value achieved by imports of £931 million is a 7.6

latest statistical analysis, extended for the first time to a survey of consumer purchase

Research by TMS Partner ship consultancy shows that consumer purchases of footwear in the United Kingdom last year was an estimated £4.5

Purchase of children's shoes was put at £720 million with the spending of men and women being almost identical Women buy more shoes but at markedly lower prices while the tendency is for men to purchase fewer shoes but at

Counting by pairage, men account for about 30 per cent almost 50 per cent. One maker reported his men's shoe prices trace overall last year. The port of 250 interest over the about 60 per cent higher than

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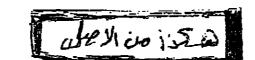
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| RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE | 270 | 212 | +28% | | |
| EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE | 31.7p | 26.2p | +21% | | |
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Japan and US to seek G7 support for the yen

The United States and Japan eign exchange markets as part also unlikely to restore con-will press for an urgent fight to of wider co-ordination of eco-fidence in the West Germans stop the yen sagging further nomic policy.

against the dollar when top

A Japanese f finance ministry officials from the Group of Seven leading economies meet near Tokyo

The meeting will also address the implications of impending German monetary union for German interest rates and other countries.

Talks in California at the weekend between President Bush and Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese Prime Minister, failed to remove fears that the US could take unilateral action to reduce its huge trade deficit with Japan, despite all the good intentions announ-

ced by the leaders. But after the meeting President Bush stressed the two ment to co-operation in for- German monetary union are monetary union dictated by fuelling inflation.

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A Japanese foreign ministry official said the US Treasury Secretary, Mr Nicholas Brady, had told Mr Kaifu that he saw the need to strengthen policy co-ordination between Japan, the US and others to stabilize dollar/yen exchange rates.

European central banks have played little part in supporting the yen. The Japanese currency has fallen further since the September G7 meeting, which concluded that further yen depreciation would be counter-productive.

Any doubts about Washington's intentions concerning trade with Japan will be unhelpful to restoring confidence in the shaken yen and Japanese equities.

ability to maintain their tra-

ditional economic stability. The phenomenon of having the West German and Japanese central banks at odds with their respective governments over key monetary issues provides an almost unprecedented picture of confusion for a G7 meeting, at

Herr Karl Otto Pohl, the Bundesbank president, has made no secret of his thorough dislike of Chancellor Kohl's rush towards monetary union with East Germany, including the Chancellor's sympathy for a one-to-one conversion rate for the East German mark.

least in recent years.

Though domestic pressures for higher West German interest rates are not immediately

Bonn would appear to make higher interest rates inevitable in the months ahead.

With the West German mark the anchor currency of the European Monetary System, a rise would almost certainly trigger rate increases across Europe, including Britain, where it would be politi-

The dispute between the US and Japan over trade has guided Tokyo's Finance Ministry in its efforts to reduce the Japanese surplus and ensure the Japanese institutions continue to finance the US deficit.

cally most unwelcome.

But the Finance Ministry's desire to hold domestic interest rates steady is diametrically opposed by the Bank of Japan which fears that rapid growth in domestic demand and labour market tightness.

City waits on Lloyds to bid for Macarthy

By Our City Staff

Lloyds Chemists, the second biggest chain of chemists shops in Britain after Boots, may be getting ready to bid for Macarthy, the pharmaceutical wholesaler and rival chemist

Lloyds has been out of touch with the City for several weeks now and analysts were becoming increasingly anxious that the group was facing difficulties after a fire at one of its Warwickshire warehouses

But they now believe Lloyds may be preparing a hostile bid for Macarthy whose shares rose 18p to 244p last week, valuing the group at about £65 million

Nobody from Lloyds was available for comment but Panmure Gordon, the group's broker, said the company was fully insured for the fire at its paper and toiletries distribution warehouse which is believed to have caused substantial damage.

Lloyds is also insured for any subsequent loss to profits and its broker said it has no worries that the group will reach its profit forecast of £13.7 million for the year to June. Lloyds is due to announce its half-year figures early next month.

Lloyds, under the chairmanship of Mr Allen Lloyd, has more than 350 shops. Its last big acquisition was the purchase of Allens, the chemist chain, from Next in November, 1988.

Macarthy has been having difficulties recently. Mr Nicholas Ward, its former chairman who left suddenly in August, is suing the group and profits have been sluggish after a drawn out dispute with UniChem, the pharmaceutical

Gulf ministers press for EC trade accord

(AFP) - Ministers of the sixnation Gulf Co-operation Council met in Saudi Arabia to discuss a GCC customs union as part of their plan to press for a free trade agreement with the European

Community.
This would involve removing tariffs of up to 13 per cent on petrochemical imports from the Gulf states.

Talks have been going on for two years between the EC and Saudi Arabia but the EC has stressed that a GCC customs union - which would include Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar. Oman and the United Arab Emirates - must come first.

The hotels and racing businesses should help the Lad-

broke Group gallop to final

Why one week dashed hopes of easier Budget. The background to the Budget has the level previous in darkened percentible in the level previous in the leve

has been followed by a sharp fall in sterling and an upward revision in the expected peak for inflation. If John Major, the Chancellor, has been tempted to err on the side of an easier Budget, he should be having second

thoughts by now. The trade figures, it is true, were not as bad as they looked. The jump in one month from a current account deficit of £817 million in December to one of £1.88 billion in January masks the fact that the December figure was revised down to less than half the November one. Taking the past three months together, an average deficit of £1.53 billion is still lower than in the previous three months. Exports are growing well and the trend in imports is sluggish. But there is no denying the fact that the trend in the trade figures does not look quite as good as it did.

No doubt this was partly the reason for the sharp fall in sterling last week. After rising gradually since the beginning of the year to recover, a week ago last Friday, the level it was the day Nigel Lawson resigned, the pound suffered a relapse. By the end of last week it had fallen from 90.2 on the Bank of England's effective rate index to 88.7, a drop of 11/2 per cent.

To a large extent the currency has suffered in the backwash of other foreign exchange movements. The sharp rise in the dollar at the beginning of the week found the pound losing ground rather faster than other currencies and the reversal engineered by the Bundesbank and other central banks at the end of the week saw the pound again losing disproportionately. In calmer markets sterling might have been steadier. But as long as the pound stays at its present levels, the history of how it arrived there is largely irrelevant. The sterling revival has been an important incentive for industry to keep its costs down; equally the currency's retreat will give all the wrong signals.

t is not only the external indicators which are moving adversely. The final weekly banking return for February suggests that over the month as a whole the narrow measure of the money supply, M0, has accelerated to a year-on-year growth rate of 6.5 per cent. This is significantly higher than the previous month's 5.8 per cent and well above the 1-5 per cent target range. Though there is little doubt that consumer spending has slowed considerably, the combination of external and internal monetary signals displaying warning signals must give the Chancellor pause for thought.

Against this background, estimates of inflation in the immediate future have been rising. Higher mortgage rates will push up the retail price index beyond

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Hotels operation likely to push

he background to the Budget has darkened perceptibly in the past week. A poorer set of trade figures has been followed by a characteristic beautiful and the past was anyway likely to raise the retail distribution towards those less well off who take part in the monthly survey. could increase inflation by 0.9 per cent on present figures. According to James Capel, the peak rate of inflation as measured by the RPI could now reach 9 per cent in August.

In economic terms the rise in the RPI may be relatively unimportant, to the extent that it reflects higher mortgage rates and higher poll tax payments. Higher interest rates and higher taxes are not inflationary but counter-inflationary, whatever their immediate effect on the statistics.

B ut with a weakening exchange rate and accelerating money supply, the worry is that the underlying rate of inflation may rise, which would be much more serious.

The main academic forecasters are in a fair degree of agreement about inflation this year, expecting the average rate for the RPI to be about 7 per cent. On next year, views begin to diverge. with the Liverpool Group, which published its latest forecast yesterday, displaying its usual faith in monetary continence, and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research pinning its colours to Britain joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System before the end of this year. The London Business School is less sanguine than either, expecting RPI inflation to remain at nearly 6 per

cent next year. There is also a fair degree of consensus about the balance of payments this year, with LBS and Liverpool projecting about £13 billion and the National Institute unusually optimistic with £11 billion. Thereafter, views diverge, with Liverpool projecting quite a rapid move into surplus and the LBS expecting a move in the opposite

Growth forecasts are in the 1-11/2 per cent range this year, straddling the Treasury's autumn statement forecast of 114 per cent, which was regarded as excessively gloomy at the time. Next year the expectation is for about 21/2 per cent - if Treasury views prove to be in line, that will not be too bad a backdrop for an election.

On the whole, economic forecasting is a duller business than it used to be because the passionate debates of the early 1980s have largely been resolved. The National Institute is no longer noticeably "Keynesian" in the sense that the word was used in the 1970s. Eclecticism is the new orthodoxy. That orthodoxy is urging caution on Mr

> Rodney Lord Economics Editor

homes is becoming big business for Mr Jeremy Rawlings and his wife, Barbara, who have just sealed a partnership with one of the top 10 US architects to take the idea across the Atlantic. As well as expanding the earnings of Period Homes Partnership, the Rawlings two-year-old business, based in Crediton, Devon, it could mean the export from Britain of building materials and finshes that are authentic to

artners aim to re-create success

US partners, Victor Mirontchuk, left, and Antonio Flamenco, of EDI, at the Trehill lodge exterior renovations, but with the increasing availability of historically-correct materials — from reproduction late Tudor brick to Victorian finicould well be on the cards at als on roof ridges — the Rawlings turned to the idea of re-creating entire buildings.

Their new American partners are EDI, architects and

up-market segment."

He added: "We are talking The first completed building Texas, with branches in San throughout the US."

£11m buy by Laing in Canada

Laing Properties, fighting a £440 million bid from P&O and Cheistield, has made a Can\$21 million (£11 million) property buy in Canada. Laing has bought Douglasdale Estates, a partly developed residential and commer-

cial project in Calgary, from CIL, a subsidiary of ICL Laing is developing the 1,200-acre site in conjunction with Freehold Title Develop-

ments. Mr Brian Chilver, Laing's chairman, said: "It is business as usual. We are concerned that the bid does not divert us from our normal activities. We have some good assets in Canada and our strategy is to extend our activities geo-graphically and by sector."

Barnfield

Insurers risk losses on loans to property firms, says GRE

Designs on America: Jeremy Rawlings, second left, and wife Barbara Clift with their new

loans made to property com- companies. panies could become comm-GRE has lost up to £23 that has is a million lent to SU, a private GRE," he said property company which went GRE's morter into receivership six weeks

Gouldens, GRE's solicitor, is believed to have called in the fraud specialist, Network Security Management, to investigate the loss, although no apparent that it could not specific allegations have been resolve its problems, GRE

A spokesman for GRE said that although the StJ case was

npanies. So far, none of StJ's prop-"There may be other losses erties has been sold and GRE

GRE's mortgage subsidiary lent the £23 million to St. run by Mr Neville Roberts. properties in eight locations. the loans and it became

resolve its problems, GRE

called in the receivers. property market is absolute spokesman said.

Guardian Royal Exchange, the only one affecting GRE, hell just now, but I have to the insurance company, has this sort of loss could become take responsibility. We probsaid that substantial losses on quite common for insurance ably tried to grow too big".

onnlace in the wake of the of this size, though certainly has recovered no money, but slump in the property market. no one has mentioned to me the company is hopeful that that this is a problem for when the properties are sold, a substantial amount of the loss will be recovered. GRE's spokesman said that

there was nothing suspicious The loans were secured on in the fact that Mr John properties in eight locations. Allard, head of the GRE When StJ fell into arrears on division that lent the money, is on pre-retirement holiday. "Mr Allard has reached normal retirement age, is still on alled in the receivers. the payroll and is taking some Mr Roberts has said: "The pre-retirement leave," the

Stein, the chairman, reports on Thursday. The Hilton Hotels business should be the star performer. Its operating profits could advance by more than 30 per cent to £160 million. The racing and property side should be ahead by about 25

per cent at the operating level, although the Texas DIY business is expected to be sluggish. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in pre-tax profits of £305 million for the year, Central Unit for Purchasing compared with £252 million Stormont's procurement last time, with other forecasts agency - is clearly very proud of a purchasing information ranging from £295 million to £305 million. TODAY Persimmon, the York house-

builder, should have sufficient strength in the North of England and Scotland to offset the difficult time it will have been facing in the South. Allied Provincial expects final pre-tax profits of £32 million, against £29.5 million. Forecasts range from £27 million to £36 million.

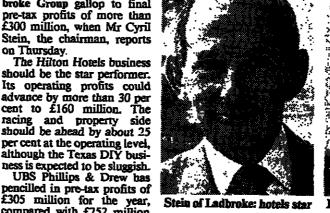
Interims: Green (Ernest) and Part-ners Holdings, Sime Darby Bhd.
Finals: Capita Group, Consolidated Venture Trust, Cresta Holdings, Jourdan (Thomas), Needler Group, Persimmon, Ransomes, Serco Group, Sumit, Unidare. **TOMORROW** Fisons, the pharmaceuticals,

scientific equipment and horticulture group, chaired by Mr John Kerridge, predicted tax-able profits of at least £165 million for the year - against £132.1 million last time - at the time of the acquisition of VG Instruments in December.

Analysts' forecasts range from

£165 million to £170 million.

The results are expected to show excellent growth in the pharmaceuticals operation boosted by US sales of Intal, the anti-allergy drug - and the first full-year inclusion of Pennwalt. News is awaited on Tilade, the group's new respiratory drug, which should be Carol Leonard approved in America during the next few months.



Holdings.
Finate: Blagden Industries, Clinton Cards, De Beers Consolidated Mines, Expamet International, Fisons, Fleming Mercantile investment Trust, Greggs, Pacer Systems, Robinson (Thomas) Group, Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger, Victaulic, Wartsila (Oy), Wates City of London Properties, Watmoughs (Holdings), Wysvala Garden Centres.

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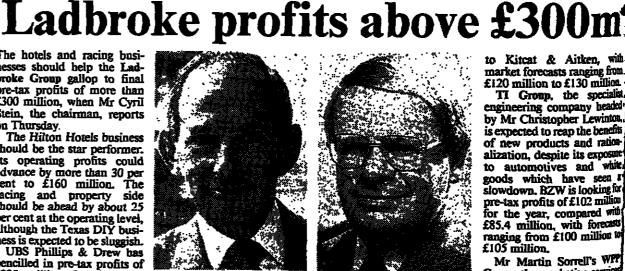
BICC, the international cables and construction group headed by Sir William Barlow. the chairman, and Mr Robin Biggam, the chief executive, is expected to benefit from the strength of the core cables business, particularly in Britain and continental

Balfour Beatty, which has a big involvement in the Channel tunnel, should make a good contribution on the construction side, despite weaker housebuilding.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd is looking for £200 million before tax for the year, against £156 million. Market forecasts range from £195 million to £206 million.

The continued strength of the industrial services division should make the most significant contribution to earnings growth at GKN, the automotive components-toengineering group chaired by Mr David Lees.

Weaker British and Ameri-



Kerridge of Fisons: rise seen

can motor sectors should be more than offset by continental Europe, which accounts for about 56 per cent of GKN's automotive turnover as well as being more profitable.

Mr Peter Deighton at County NatWest WoodMac is expecting pre-tax profits to climb from £178 million to £222 million, which is at the top end of forecasts starting at £205 million. A 30 per cent higher oil

price and seasonally greater gas output, as well as a contribution from the Wilmington refinery in California, will benefit Ultramar, the independent oil company. Smith New Court is looking for net income of £103 million for the year, against £57.4 million. Forecasts range from £96 million to £108 million.

Interime: Domestic & General Group, Galliford, Gent (SR), Harrisons Malayskan Plantations, Lawtex, Sinciar (William) Holdings, Synapse Computer Services.

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THURSDAY

Difficult trading and the high cost of borrowing are likely to cut profits at Coats Vivelia, the textiles group chaired by Sir David Alliance. Pre-tax profits are expected to fall from £135 million to £125 million for the year, according

market forecasts ranging from £120 million to £130 million TI Group, the specialist engineering company headed by Mr Christopher Lewinton, is expected to reap the benefits of new products and rationalization, despite its exposure to automotives and white goods which have seen ! slowdown. BZW is looking for pre-tax profits of £102 mill for the year, compared with £85.4 million, with forecast

ranging from £100 million & £105 million. Mr Martin Sorrell's WPF Group, the marketing services group recently shown as the world's biggest advertising group in Campaign's anous league table, overtaking Saatchi & Saatchi, is expecte to reveal that final pre-tr. profits have climbed from £40.3 million to between £15 million and £78 million.

WPP should benefit from contribution from Ogily, whose acquisition was on cluded at the end of June, and improved margins at JWI.

triteriums: Bailey (Ben) Construcion Brierley Investments, CAIA Mucklow (A&J) Group. Finale: ADT, Anglo American Go investment, Antofagasta Holder Baynes (Charles), Coats Viyal Cussins Property Group, Fores Technology Industries, Lagra Group, Microvitec, MTL Instruments Group, Nichols (JN) (Visus Pentland Group, Pentlos, Santa AB, Ti Group, Woodchester Inst Pentiand Group, Pentos, AB, Ti Group, Woodchester ments, WPP Group.

FRIDAY

The severe conditions in British car market are pected to have taken their at Perry Group, the more dealer chaired by Mr Richard Allan, It issued a warning half time that high inter rates would cause flat profi It is thought to have stri gled to make progress in second half, with many reduced to maintain self County NatWest Woods expects pre-tax profits to by 34 per cent to £5 million

Interims: None announced. Finals: Anglo American ind Corp, Perry Group.

the year.

Philip Pangal

given a blank sheet New Japan Securities, the fifth largest Japanese securities firm, is making its first move into UK and European eq-

uities, with the recruitment of Bruce Barnfield, who, until last summer, sold UK stocks to Europeans for Smith New Court. Barnfield, aged 37, left SNC to start his own fund management company, Bel-tane Capital. But he has put that business on the back burner - "With 15 per cent base rates it was pretty hard going," he says - since receiving the offer from New Japan. Due to start today, he tells me that his brief "is a blank sheet of paper. They do not have any exposure to UK or European equities in London and they are now going to make a start. My role is a marketing one, to persuade Japanese clients in London of the benefits of investing in the UK and Europe. They are still nervous of those markets." And Barnfield will, he reveals, be looking to recruit. "But the Japanese by nature take a long-term view, so we will certainly not be in any hurry. There is still a lot of fallout to come in London, and we aim to pick up some of those people — the good ones." Barnfield, some of you may recall, last made it into the City Diary when England drew Albania in the World Cup. He formed the London Albanian Association Foot-

ball Supporters' club (LAAFS)

- "For all haters of football in

the City, to support Albania,"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Last in line first in job

Those made redundant, or than the first. He claims that worried that they might lose while more than half of those worried that they might lose their jobs in the not too distant interviewed last clinch the job, future, should try to obtain a copy of a book called How To less than a fifth of those interviewed first do so. If you Get a Better Job in This Crazy
World, by Robert Hall.
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On the slopes There are, it seems, always two sides to every story, and Tim Lefroy, chief executive of the advertising agency Yellowhammer, claims that John Banks, chairman of rival advertising agency Young &



~I`m leaving you for a

telling the whole truth. Banks, last week in this column, coyly estimated that, even though as something of a fitness fanatic he had been running three miles every day, he still had about 21b to go before reaching his target weight loss of 201b in a bet with a friend. But Lefroy has since contacted me to identify himself as the friend in question - he was previously deputy chairman at Young & Rubicam - and reveals that since the bet placed was £50 per lb difference between their respective weight losses, and that he has already shed more than 25lb, their weigh-in in Geneva at the weekend, at the start of a skiing holiday, was likely to set Banks back more in the region of £350 than £100. "Last time we had dinner together, a fortnight ago, he

still had a stone to go - and I

stuffed as many bread rolls

into him as I could," says

Lefroy, who could win enough

to pay for his trip.

Red tape to order The Northern Ireland office's

system it has developed with a Taunton-based software house called Belmin. The entire stationery store of HMSO at Norwich has been electronically catalogued for an ordering and invoicing system, accessible over ordinary telephone lines. Demonstrating the system to journalists in Belfast last week, CUP director David Court invited them to call up Rubicam, has not quite been any stationery item they desired, to see what HMSO had in stock. "Red tape?" asked the City Diary's man in Belfast. Immediately the system came up with a detailed list of 17 varieties HMSO is ready to deliver. Explaining that all routine government procurement and invoicing should soon be on such databases enabling individual departments to run down stocks and order their requirements on a just-in-time basis - Court added: "The idea is to get rid of great showers of paper." It will be interesting to see how many varieties of red tape survive.

• An unusual but welcome law has been introduced in California after complaints from tax-payers that they haveto hang on for hours before anyone answers the telephone. All telephones in state departments must now be answered after 10 rings at most. British Telecom take note.

banks' results season has died have been weakened by the away, it is worth reassessing their relative merits. A group them to losses of £261 million of companies valued at £26 and £715 million. A succession billion which can muster agsion of banana skins in Mid-gregate pre-tax profits of £120 land's numbers has turned million may not sound the sentiment against the bank so ideal investment background. Yet there are only seven AAA-rated banks in the world, and Britain has two, Barclays and National Westminster. They are also two of the cheapest. On respective profit forecasts for 1990 of £1.75

billion and £1.5 billion, they are both on prospective p/e ratios of 5.8, while their historic yields are both about 6.3 per cent. They have major problems. Their domestic business is

increasingly threatened by new entrants like the building societies. Overseas, they still have to prove they can achieve a satisfactory return. Yet they both seem to have the capital resources and the marketing initiative to compete in the oncoming Euro-Of the two, Barclays has

displayed the most strength this time, and the City welcomed its attention to costs and the prudence of its lending policy. National Westminster, with the largest branch network, must still address itself to the problem of costs. It says it has identified £200 million in annual savings, but must carry them through speedily.

Midland and Lloyds are

LDC write-offs which pushed much that its shares have fallen to 333p, giving it a yield of 7.2 per cent, easily the highest in the sector despite declaring the lowest dividend increase. At that level, they begin to look worth tucking away in anticipation of a merger with Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, although they are still overvalued on funda-

Lloyds has been the City's favourite for a while, but the size of its non-LDC provisions created doubt in some minds about the quality of its lending. Mr Brian Pitman, the chief executive, is certainly an innovator, but has to prove the success of his strategies once they are unhindered by LDC provisions. The p/e ratio of 5.9 reflects that fairly.

Finally there is Abbey Natcontains none of the holes of its new banking colleagues. A p/e ratio of 6.2 is not expensive, but Abbey admits its central mortgage business is mature, and it must succeed in its new ventures, such as

On the face of it, Barclays must be preferred by the solid investor, while Midland offers



Rivals on the home front: Sir John Quinton of Barclays (left) and Sir Campbell Adan its were collapsing in the by way of options should million. Sketchley shares were

Sketchley

Long-suffering shareholders in Sketchley, the dry cleaning group, must be hoping for a swift and merciful end to their troubles in the shape of a new

Last week, Godfrey Davis withdrew its offer, initially worth 360p per Sketchley share, in the face of a warning that the cleaning group's prof-

second half of its financial ear. Adding injury to insult, Sketchley shares slumped 98p on Friday to 251p.

Mr Malcolm Glenn, the chairman, will have suffered little direct personal damage to his finances. The defence document rejecting the God-frey Davis bid shows him as beneficial owner of 625 shares, currently worth under £1,600, though he has greater interest of £5.4 million against £7.2

Sketchley's share price regain some of its former glory. Nevertheless, the City view

is Mr Glenn's position may

prove far from secure in the aftermath of the collapsed bid. In November, shareholders were told to expect more satisfactory results in the second half. This cheery prediction came after disappointing interim figures showing profits

then about 360o and the company brokers expected fullyear profits close to £15 million, against £17.3 million.

In early February, with the ink hardly dry on Godfrey Davis's cash-and-share offer, worth about 360p per share, Mr Glenn and his colleagues revealed that second-half profits would be way below market expectations. Sketchley shareholders may feel less than pleased that Mr Glenn and ian-owned Jameel Group. The colleagues told them not to Saudis are sitting on 33 per sell at that point, with the cent of the ordinaries and price at more that 380p.

Last week Mr Glenn produced the details behind his warning. Apparently a series of nasties had emerged since November's bullish prediction. Full-year profits are now forecast at £6 million with the help of a most welcome excepnonal credit of £2.2 million. Without non-recurring items, the second half appears to be heading for a loss against a

profit of about £10 million. Dismayed Sketchley holders, now sans bid and nursing whopping losses since the shares stood at more than 500p in 1987, might like some enswers to the following:

Why the silence between November and February over the worsening profit position? Was it in shareholders' best interests to receive "don't sell" advice from the board when it warned of the profits shortfall? What on earth are shareholders to make of a board which says that Godfrey Davis's offer worth 360p, an exit p/e of 27, does not fully reflect the value of Sketchley when the verdict of the market is that the stock is worth 250p without an offer?

Hartwell/Jameel

The next few months look to be unpleasant for the board of Hartwell, assuming it evades the unwanted £172 million cash bid from the Saudi Arab-

more than half the convertible stock, and show no signs of going away. James Capel, their estimated 100,000 shares a day at 155p, the price on the table, which is effectively holding the shares at the 156p they have stood at since the

raised bid on February 15. This boosted the terms from the 136p originally on offer to about 5p more than the market had been expecting, and under normal circumstances should have represented the killer blow. But circumstances are far from normal. About 10.3 per cent is held within the

Hartwell pension fund. M&G, implacably oppor to hostile takeovers, and Mercantile Credit have almost 17

per cent between them. Some of the small shareholders face a healthy profit -the shares were as low as 80p last autumn. Motor dealers are going through difficult times, and the exit multiple on offer, 18 times Hartwell's own

forecast for 1990, reflects this. The Jameels will have their work cut out. The defenders can rely on anything up to 40 per cent support, assuming a couple of big institutions hold out. Some 20 to 25 per cent is held by private shareholders.

Gamblers might hope for a "white knight," though the chances are slim. Others should accept the Capel terms on offer in the market.

GILT-EDGED

Why 'policy for pound' is little use at long end

abour's lead over the Conservatives, in some opinion polls, is at its greatest since 1971. Against this background, the issue to be addressed in the Budget on March 20 is not what the Chancellor will do for the economy, but rather what he will do for the Government's election chances.

Historical precedent suggests that governments' electoral prospects do not simply improve with time; no Prime Minister since Clement Att-Resident Relice has won an election after a five-year Parliament.

This argues strongly against postponing a general election until 1992, but leaves no more than 18 months to

The principal role the Budget can play is to lay the foundations for lower interest rates. Thus the Budget must Aldress the main obstacle to an easier monetary policy: the prospect of the same response as seen in Canada in January — a sharp sell-off of the currency. Given that such a sell-off would exacerbate already severe inflationary pressures, it is especially im-

portant to avoid this. So the Chancellor needs a "Budget for sterling." This would be achieved by creating the expectation that base rates will remain at 15 per cent for a long time.

The dominant opinion in financial markets is that a "tight" Budget will reinforce Mr Major's anti-inflationary credentials, encouraging the belief that he will keep interest rates "as high as necessary for as long as

he announcement of a "tight" policy will allay mounting fears about sterling's "fundamentals". and thus would be especially welcome in the light of last week's trade figures.

The Chancellor will probably bow to this conventional wisdom, despite growing political pressures. The motiva-tion behind this is not just to strengthen sterling, but also political risk aversion.

If the Chancellor announces a "tight" Budget and fails to support sterling, be will have fewer critics than if he announces a "loose" Bud-But there are risks in such a

A "tight" Budget may not improve sterling's "fun-

Second, there is a risk that consumers regard the Budget for what it is, namely a foundation for an easier monetary policy later in the year. Thus the savings ratio. rather than consumption. could take the strain of higher

been hoped. First, the ab-

sence of tax cuts, allied to higher mortgage rates, may force up wage claims still further, fuelling inflation.

So what does this all mean for gilts? The immediate reaction could be a repeat of three of the last four post-Budget reactions, namely a

rally at the longer end. The foundations for this would be the revising up-wards of PSDR forecasts, improved sentiment towards sterling, and simple relief that the Chancellor's anti-inflationary nerve did not crack.

owever, this should be seen as a selling opportunity. First, no Budget could do much to address the realities of strong wage inflation and its corollary, steady consumer spending, and could even exacerbate these problems.

Although post-Budget retail sales figures may appear very depressed, this would owe less to fiscal tightness than to the "shock" effect of the introduction of the poll tax. In a longer-term view, the more bullish inflationary forecasts may prove unfounded.

Second, although political fears about the poll tax could dissipate, there is the risk of a severe impact on the PSDR; a default rate of 5 per cent would reduce the PSDR by more than £500 million.

Third, sterling's long-term upside will be curtailed by the growing need to cut interest rates before a 1991 election. Thus the Chancellor's antiinflationary rhetoric may give way this year to more electoral considpressing electoral considerations, even though the

little to justify the easing of monetary policy.
Thus, not until the prospect of entry into the EMS exchange rate mechanism looms larger is there any basis for a sustained rally at the longer end of the market.

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Broackes backs **Eurorail**

By Our City Staff

Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, the construction group, has de-nied that his company is planning to withdraw from Eurorail, the joint venture consortium financing the high-speed train link from London to the Channel tunnel

"We are not thinking of pulling out at all and our work is progressing as usual.

manded, of course, is of great concern to British Rail," he

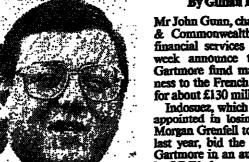
Reports over the weekend suggested that Trafalgar House and BICC, the two private sector companies which share a 50 per cent stake in Eurorail, might be withdrawing from the project because British Rail was finding it difficult to meet the rate of return required by the Government and the private companies.

It was suggested British Rail faced a £1 billion shortfall in financing the £4.5 billion project but could finance and build the line itself if the Government reduced its rate of return from 8 per cent.

TOURIST RATES

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B&C sells Gartmore to French in £130m deal



Gunn: staying in charge

the black and then to suc-

the man it wants to head

National Power, the larg-

est generating company in the £15 billion electric-

National Power, along with

the other companies being

created in readiness for

privatization, will legally

come into existence on March

31, with 60 per cent of the

country's network of power

stations on its books. How-

ever, it is still without a

chairman after the resignation

three months ago of Lord

Marshall of Goring who stood down in protest at the Gov-ernment's decision not to

include the nuclear power

station network in the privat-

ization plan.

Mr John Wakeham, the
Energy Secretary, hopes to

announce the new chairman by the end of the month.

Sir John, aged 50, who has spent the past 10 years improving the fortunes of Jaguar, has emerged as the

Government's favoured

His £250,000-a-year salary could easily be matched by a privatized company the size of National Power. He would

also be offered the attraction

of potentially valuable share

options in the company as

part of his remuneration

Sir John has options on

programme.

cessful privatization, as billion deal.

privatization

Mr John Gunn, chairman of British & Commonwealth Holdings, the financial services group, will this week announce the sale of its Gartmore fund management business to the French bank, Indosuez, for about £130 million.

Indosuez, which was bitterly dis-Morgan Grenfell to Deutsche Bank last year, bid the highest sum for Gartmore in an auction conducted by SG Warburg.

Indosuez has done deals with Mr Gunn in the past. It bought the broking firm WI Carr from Mr Gunn's old company, Exco. The French-based financial ser-

Egan favoured

for National

Power chair

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

taken over by Ford in a £1.6

A possible line of succession

in place by Ford with the anxious to have a high profile

appointment of Mr John and successful businessman Grant as deputy chairman. He from the private sector at the was previously director of head of the company in the

was previously director of head of the company in the Ford's corporate strategy in months leading up to its stock

at Jaguar has aiready been put

Detroit. But he is from Belfast

and his appointment to suc-

ceed Sir John would divert

any objections about an

American running one of the

Mr Grant, an economist,

aged 45, is at present working in Coventry helping to de-velop links between the exist-

ing Jaguar management teams

power generation industry would also support the Gov-

ernment strategy of bringing new faces into industry and

creating a highly competitive

Sir John Egan: driving force

A move by Sir John into the

most British of companies.

The Government has Jaguar shares worth £2.2 mil-

identified Sir John Egan, lion which he can realize now who steered Jaguar into that the company has been

vices group - which is part of

insurance company, Groupe Victoire - has ambitions to expand in Britain, particularly into merchant banking should another opportunity like Morgan Grenfell

The Gartmore sale will offer some cheer to B&C's discontented in-stinutional investors, who have seen the group's value plummet to a tenth of the 1987 figure.

Mr Gunn, who is battling to get the former shipping company back on an even keel, offered his resignation to the B&C board late last year amid growing dissatisfaction from shareholders.

National Power has been

led by Mr John Baker, its

present chief executive, since

Lord Marshall resigned but

the Government has been

Among earlier candidates considered by the Department of Energy was Mr Richard Giordano, head of BOC and a

non-executive director of Nat-

ional Power, but his earnings

at BOC, which put him among

the most highly paid business-men in Britain, could not be

matched by a company being

The other candidate seri-

ously considered was Sir Peter

Walters, who stands down as

out in part because PowerGen,

ity direct to companies, by-passing distribution boards,

ahead of a weekend deadline

for new contracts before

prospectuses for the 12 area

The contracts, worth be-

tween £150 million and £200

million, involve an annual

demand of 850 megawatts to 160 sites and include 13

boards are drawn up.

director of BP.

created by the Government.

market flotation.

It was unanimously rejected and

After the announcement of the Gartmore sale, B&C is expected to announce a major shake-up of the board. Mr Peter Goldie, who stepped down as chief executive of the group in November 10 concentrate on disposals, is expected to leave the board. The group's finance director, Mr Rusty Ashman, may

B&C's non-executive deputy chairman, Sir Peter Thompson, may step up to become non-executive chairman. Sir Peter recently announced that he is to retire as chairman of NFC.Sir Peter's appointment as B&C chairman would go some way to pacifying

Compagnie Financière de Suez, owner of France's second-largest group.

Mr Gunn will continue to run the disgruntled shareholders, but they are also calling for another non-are also calling for anoth executive director, a call B&C is expected to heed.

Mr Gunn still has some strong backers among institutional shareholders. Scottish Amicable has taken its stake in B&C to 8.5 per cent. No final decision on the board has been taken, but Mr Gunn's position seems secure for the time being, although the shares have dived from a high of 572p in 1987 to 54p, 1½p off their low. He has voluntarily cut his salary in half to £300,000.

Group debt is about £700 million and B&C is hoping to raise about £500 million from disposals, including the sale of Gartmore, but,

quickly, the programme is to longer than expected because t difficulty of finding buyers in

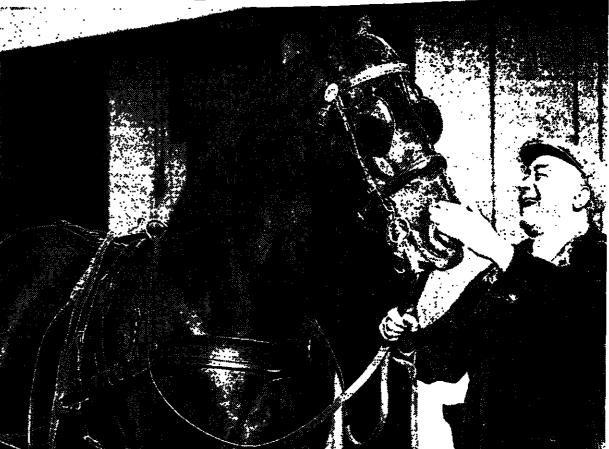
rent market conditions. B&C is due to announce n for 1989 on April 26. Pre-tax p forecasts range from £77 mili £100 million, down from £

With the shares currently yie 22.8 per cent, there is a big que

mark over the dividend B&C is still embroiled in a battle with Mr Gary Klesh's I cial group. Quadrex, over aborted deal to buy MW Ma and William Street wholesak kers from B&C. The case go

court next month.

Brothers hope to show report is invali



Free rein: Mohamed Al-Fayed at the weekend, with an off-duty Harrods working horse, at his home in Oxted, St

Fayeds want judicial review

By Angela Mackay dling of the affair. Lonrho under Section 8 of the

chairman of BP at the end of this month. But this was ruled The Fayed brothers will press would halt publication. A for a judicial review of the House of Fraser director said the second generating com-pany, is headed by Mr Robert Malpas, another former senior Government's decision to the company was not considpublish a Department of ering taking out an injunction Trade and Industry report on against the Government to their takeover of the House of prevent publication. Fraser in 1985. National Power has secured 23 contracts to supply electric-

copy of the 750-page report. report which were leaked almost a year ago.
The DTI has said it will

make the document public on Wednesday and a spokesman said yesterday he did not believe applying for a review

Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed panies Act 1985 because it has varies from sections of the events surrounding its

> Fraud Office. Lonrho, led by Mr Tiny
> Rowland, chief executive, has
>
> Lonrho had hoped the Govthe brothers fabricated
> sonal and business histo criticized government han-

waged a long campaign before the Fayed bid to gain control of the retail chain, which boasts Harrods, Britain's most famous store, as its flagship.

Last week, Mr Nicholas A final decision will, how- hopes a review in camera will Ridley, the Trade Secretary, evidence that Lourik ever, only be made today, show that the DTI report is said the Fayeds would not be after receipt of an advance not valid under the Com- prosecuted as a result of an trying to have the de-SFO investigation. However. The Fayeds are keen to see if it been "fatally flawed" by Lonrho is refusing to let the brothers punished. matter lie. The company incompilation and the publicity tends to sue the Fayeds and surrounding the subsequent Kleinwort Benson, their mer- lion bid was secretly fi investigation by the Serious chant bank adviser on the by the Sultan of Brune

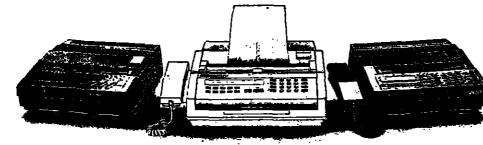
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Lourho's shareholders s million pounds. The is tors are believed to have

world's richest man, an against the three brothers obtain acceptance in Bri

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Forecasters expect **Budget tax rises**

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The rise in mortgage rates led by Abbey National, nationalized industry price increases and the introduction of the poll tax are now expected to push up inflation by more than a point above its present level of 7.7 per cent. According to James Capel, the broker, inflation could reach 9 per cent in August and will tax of still be 7.5 per cent by the end 1992.

of the year.

The Liverpool Group offers

If Mr Major wants to meet a very different prescription of in the last Budget, say the sion this year and to resume brokers, he will have to raise growth of 2.8 per cent next taxes by £4 billion. But Capel expects the Budget to "fall Economic View, page 42

City forecasts of inflation are short of the mark" with net rising putting additional pres-sure on Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, indexation of income tax to raise taxes in the Budget on bands and allowances and further tax increases on company cars.

Lloyds Bank, in its monthly Economic Bulletin, also expects net tax increases perhaps of £1.2 billion. But Lloyds thinks the Chancellor could be in a position to resume the tax-cutting path next year bringing him within sight of a basic rate of income tax of 20p in the pound by

the targets set in the medium-term financial strategy set out the economy to escape reces-

Tokyo boost and Capel

By Our City Staff

The Tokyo Stock Exchange is expected to approve, at a special committee meeting today, the admission of three more foreign securities companies: Britain's Barclays de Zoete Wedd and James Capel, the company owned by the Hougkong and Shanghai Bank, and Crédit Lyonnais of

France. The additions, if finally approved, would take the number of foreign firms with seats on the TSE to 25. The TSE is expected also to admit seven

more Japanese brokers, tak-ing total membership to 124. The moves follow long cam-paigns on behalf of the subsid-iaries of the banking groups, whose ownership was earlier taken to be in conflict with Japanese rules separating securities from banking busipesses in Japan's domestic

Elders' pub swa talks in final stag

By Our City Staff

Britain, are in the final stage of The Australians want a negotiations over a pub and Aus\$2,60 (£1.19) a sha breweries deal, with details are enticing GrandMe expected to be released on the promise of a Aus50 March 13.

have been leaking the progress of talks to institutional shareholders - partly to try to shore up its falling share price -GrandMet has been reluctant to comment in case the Stock Exchange asks the company to make the deal public before details have been finalized.

GrandMet's advisers are working out the final stage from a crippling debt be with Elders in Melbourne. Mr after Harlin, their com Allen Sheppard, GrandMet's bid for Elders last year. chairman, is believed to be putting the finished plan to his

board this week. The stumbling block ap-pears to be how much Grand-Foster's.

Grand Metropolitan and El- Met is prepared to pay ders, owner of Courage in to 25 per cent of Elders: a-share capital return b While Elders executives 30 and the possibility second 50-cent return

end of the year, as lo

Elders Resources is sold The deal would give and its new partner the mass to compete as lead Australia, North America Britain, analysts said. I ly, the deal helps Elders utives to extricate them

Elders is selling most non-core assets and inte company under the na

Viability and lost gold vein conspire to close desert mine after 3,500 years

Sands of time finally run out for Gebe

By Colin Campbell Mining Correspondent

The Gebeit mine in Sudan, one of the world's oldest gold mines and famous enough to be marked on school atlases, is to be closed.

The decision to mothball Gebeit which has been worked intermittently for more than 3,500 years by, in turn, the Pharaohs, Greeks, Romans, Rus-sians, and the British — ends months of speculation as to its viability after technical problems dogged produc-tion in 1988 and after the gold vein was "lost" in 1989.

Dr Colin Phipps, the former Labour MP brought in as chairman as part of a corporate rescue of London-quoted Greenwich Resources in February, 1989, said the Sudanese mining authorities have agreed that under current levels of cost, grade, and

world gold prices Gebeit could not be profitable.

The mine will be put on a care and maintenance basis. The latest closure marks yet another chapter in the history of Gebeit which was discovered in the reign of the Pharaoh Thutmose III (1500 BC) and which in its time has made fortunes for many.

Greenwich, under its former management, first undertook exploration work at Gebeit in January, 1982. It was the lure of Gebeit, where rich grades had been found and previous fortunes made, which saw Greenwich's share price go up like a rocket from 55p in December, 1985, to a

September, 1987, peak of nearly 400p. Subsequently, the share price fell when Greenwich admitted to technical problems in the Sudan. The problems effectively knocked out the profits prop for the other exploration ventures, and Gebeit started to drain

While Gebeit was known to be a difficult geological prospect and badly faulted - and though the mine had produced gold (and profits) for Greenwich — the company finally had to announce the unthinkable had hap-pened. The gold vein had been "lost."

In June, 1988, Mr Stanley Eskell, the former chairman, resigned, taking responsibility for an exploration technique that did not work. He told shareholders: "I have wasted four or five months of your time and your money. It is not the fault of the mine, the miners or my staff. It is my fault."

Dr Phipps has been reviewing Gebeit's future for the past 15 months, while putting Greenwich on a more secure footing. Last week, he

announced there had been a S increase in the gold 18 attributable to Greenwich's \$18 the Australian Paddington gold A drilling programme in Vent starts next month.

Exploration commitments in have been fulfilled. In the clear Gebeit, 1,402 ounces of gold been recovered - and no furthe burden on Greenwich becall

Gebeit is expected. Though Greenwich shares Curl trade not far off their low of 31p still have some friends. On Frida Prudential bought another 20

shares to lift its stake to 6.29 pm Today, the remaining 518 Gebeit are being sent off-sik desert sands are once again bi